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HAIL CONTI, TARDELLI

How the coaches saw it

"We were shaken by the penalty miss. It was something that affected not only the player but the whole team," said Italian team manager Enzo Bearzot after the final. "But the whole team gathered around (Antonio) Cabrini in the interval and cheered him up. They all vowed to come back in the second half with determination and the drive to win, and we did."

Bearzot said there was no question the "moral and psychological unity" of the team was the key factor in Italy's triumph. "It is the spirit of a team, of a compact of players, that has even prevailed over our weakness as Italians. When you make such a miss in such a big game you feel the pressure and we've overcome it," he said.

West German coach Jupp Derwall said he spent the interval arguing with veteran defender Uli Stielke.

"He insisted that I move him out in front in the second half to give greater drive to our midfield. When I made the first change in the line up, he protested visibly and kept on shouting for the whole second half," Derwall said. He had taken out midfielder Wolf-



Jupp Derwall

gang Dremmler and sent in forward Horst Hrubesch.

"But I had already decided my tactic when I understood (Giancarlo) Antognoni would not play for Italy, and I felt they would have a defensive game. I was aware that playing ailing Karl-Heinz Rummenigge from the start was risky, but I hoped he could give us an edge before not being able to continue."

Derwall said, however, that his team failed to produce the drive he expected in the first half, and Italy came back with a strong second half to fully deserve the victory.

"I am pleased with my team's overall performance and with its (runner-up) placing. We have shown we are still one of the



Enzo Bearzot

strongest teams in the world," he said.

Bearzot said this was "obviously the happiest day in my life. I love soccer, it is my life. But I am happy in the first place for the players, who have kept on coming despite the criticism and the ugly things that have been said about them."

He said the key to the team's performance was its 2-1 victory over Argentina in the second round.

"That started a round of games against all the leading teams in the Cup. We beat them all, clearly. We deserved our wins, and we played well, scoring plenty of goals," Bearzot said. "That was perhaps the most difficult game for us, because then we started building our confidence."

By LAURIE SCHWAB

ITALY 3 (Rossi 56th, Tardelli 69th, Altobelli 82nd) WEST GERMANY 1 (Breithner 82nd) at Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, Madrid. Crowd about 90,000. Referee: Arnaldo Coelho (Brazil) 6.

ITALY: Zoff 8 - Scirea 8 - Bergomi 8, Collovati 8, Gentile 8, Cabrini 7 - Conti 9, Tardelli 9, Orlandi 8 - Rossi 7, Graziani (14, 7th, min. sub. Altobelli 7, sub. Causio 88th).

WEST GERMANY: Schuster 7 - Stielke 9 - Kitz 7, K. H. Foerster 8, B. Foerster 8, Dremmler 6 (Hrubesch 67th), Breznar 6, Briegel 6 - Rummenigge 5 (H. Mueller 70th), Fischer 7, Littbarski 5. Carded: Conti, Dremmler, Orlandi, Stielke, Littbarski.

West Germany, which had relied so heavily on its clinical tactical acumen, was outmanoeuvred on the drawing board by Enzo Bearzot and on the field by Bruno Conti and Marco Tardelli.

Italy, as a result, won its third World Cup.

No other result would have proved as conclusively who deserves to be master of the world, for Italy had beaten the other triple champion, Brazil, along the way.

Bearzot's approach was simple but effective.

To counter West Germany's careful build-up play aimed at creating a numerical advantage in attack before the strike at goal, Bearzot had five men in defensive positions. Get through that lot, he taunted. The Germans found it beyond them, as the scoreline shows.

Not that all five stayed back all the time. Sweeper Gaetano Scirea stormed forward relentlessly as he had in previous games, managing to set up Tardelli's goal in the process, Antonio Cabrini also contributed to the attack, although he would have been so much more valuable to his team had he not missed a penalty in the 25th minute.

Bearzot's offensive play was based heavily on the running power of Bruno Conti, deep on the right. Conti was to exploit the vagrancy of Hans-Peter Briegel, a man with too much emotionalism in this game to adhere to a defensive task after having had the freedom of midfield play in earlier matches.

The Foerster brothers — the unsung heroes of this German team — were the markers for Conti's ability was known to all the world.

Briegel couldn't do it, perhaps because he lost his concentration by having that early penalty awarded against him over a foul on Conti.

So Conti controlled the right side, especially in breaks after Italy had gone to a 1-0 lead through Rossi's courageous close-range header in the 56th minute.

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Rossi wins two prizes

Italy's Paolo Rossi (left) carried off the two major individual awards at the 1982 World Cup finals.

Rossi, the inspiration of an Italian team, took his prizes as player of the tournament and top scorer.

Journalists voted him man of the finals for which he received the \$3,920 Golden Ball Trophy, while his six goals earned him the Golden Shoe Trophy worth \$3,628 from the sportswear firm sponsors.

Both awards also went to one player, Argentine's Mario Kempes, in the previous finals in 1978.

"You can now call him 'Pablito' again," said Giovanni Trapattoni, Rossi's coach with Juventus of Turin. Rossi was given the Spanish nickname after becoming the big sensation of the 1978 cup in Argentina. He always had said it would take him a long time after his comeback to deserve that name again.

But it did not. Decisive goals scored by Rossi against Brazil, Poland and West Germany carried Italy to its third cup win and proved that the star was still there, right where he belonged.

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U.S. WANTS 1990 CUP

The U.S. Soccer Federation has applied to host the 1990 World Cup finals.

Delegates to the FIFA congress also were considering the possibility of the United States stepping in to run the 1986 World Cup if Colombia, the designated host nation, withdraws.

FIFA delegates and officials and newsmen covering the World Cup during the past month have suggested the task might be too much for a small country like Colombia.

The United States may have to compete for the 1990 finals against the Soviet Union, which is also said to be interested in acting as host.

The Colombian Football Association last week asked West Germany's Hermann Neuberger to accept appointment as head of the 1986 organising committee.

Neuberger has been in charge of all World Cup organisations since 1974.



Antonio Cabrini (left) and Claudio Gentile celebrate Italy's triumph. The man on the ground is Alessandro Altobelli, scorer of the third goal.

Willie Wallace quits



APIA-Leichhardt coach Willie Wallace (pictured, left) resigned on Sunday night after being harassed by spectators who were angry over APIA's 0-2 loss to Sydney Olympic at Lambert Park.

Ken Morton, meanwhile, claims he has been sacked by Wollongong. His story appears on page 8.

APIA chairman Nick Papallo said Wallace's resignation had been accepted with regret.

Former Australian captain Peter Wilson has accepted the coaching position until the end of the season.

Wallace was booed at Lambert Park in a disgraceful display by about 50 club supporters outside the dressing rooms and police provided him with an escort out of the ground.



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Farewell, fabulous France

WEST GERMANY 3 (Littbarski 17th, Rummenigge 102nd, Fischer 108th) FRANCE 3 (Platini penalty 27th, Tresor 92nd, Giresse 99th) after extra time in Seville. West Germany won 5-4 on penalties. Referee: Charles Corver (Holland) 2.

WEST GERMANY: Schumacher 8 — Koltz 8, Stielike 8, Karl-Heinz Forster 8, Bernd Forster 7 — Dremmler 7, Breitner 7, Briegleb 6 (inj. Rummenigge 98th), Magath 6 (Hrubesch 73rd 7) — Fischer 7, Littbarski 7.

FRANCE: Ettori 8 — Bossis 8, Janvion 8, Tresor 8, Amoros 8 — Tigana 8, Platini 8, Giresse 8, Genghini 6 (Battiston 50th inj. Lopez 58th 6) — Rocheteau 7, Six 7.

France was robbed at the end of probably the greatest game in World Cup history.

To end this epic battle with a penalty showdown was criminal.

The loser was not only fabulous France but also the officials in charge who lost whatever respect they had earned earlier in the tournament.

How referee Charles Corver from Holland and linesman Bob Valentine from Scotland and Switzerland's Bruno Callier couldn't see West German keeper Harold Schumacher move early and save a crucial penalty almost is beyond belief.

Earlier, Schumacher blatantly charged into French substitute Patrick Battiston inside the German area. Michel Platini had played a great through ball for Battiston who had come on for Bernard Genghini eight minutes before. Battiston tapped the ball past Schumacher but wide of the upright. The German keeper, already committed to the charge, kept going with a raised forearm which connected with the side of Battiston's jaw, knocking out the Frenchman.

Battiston was stretched off. Referee Corver consulted linesman Valentine amid French pleas for a penalty but curiously awarded a goal kick to Germany.

Undoubtedly the French were hard done by but nothing can be taken away from the Germans.

With the scores tied at the end of normal time France quickly jumped to a 3-1 lead in the first half of extra time. It looked certain to face Italy in the final but the Germans

drew on reserves of energy to stage one of the greatest comebacks ever.

Captain Karl-Heinz Rummenigge was the inspiration. Coming on in the fifth minute of extra time with France leading 2-1 he was on the field for only three minutes before Germany looked down and out at 3-1. Then Rummenigge and his countrymen made their move. Stielike to Littbarski to Rummenigge and it was 3-2. Six minutes later Horst Hrubesch headed down at the far post and Klaus Fischer levelled with a spectacular overhead volley.

The tentative prod and thrust which usually besets the opening of so grand an occasion was missing. The Germans set about pinning the French inside their defensive half and it came as no surprise when Paul Breitner surged through the middle and set-up Fischer with 17 minutes gone. French goalkeeper Jean-Luc Ettori was quickly off his line to smother but was helpless as Pierre Littbarski pounced on



West German captain Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (right) scores his country's second goal against France. Gerard Janvion just fails to stop the ball which sails past appalled French keeper Jean-Luc Ettori (No. 22).

the rebound to smash home a fine low drive from 18 metres.

France though, never was thrown out of its delightful interspersed stride.

While it's unkind to label this exhilarating confrontation as a battle of brain and brawn certainly the physical superiority of the Germans proved crucial in the final analysis.

Hans-Peter Briegleb ran himself into the ground. This former decathlete was bedridden the day before the match with a stomach virus but he typified the German spirit by running till he almost dropped.

Against the Germans never-say-die attitude stood flamboyant France, weaving a series of intricate patterns upfield, never stifling the abundant flair of Platini, Giresse, Tigana, Tresor, Rocheteau and Didier Six. It was rewarded for its skill by an excellent refereeing decision in the 27th minute. A

free kick on the left was cleverly chipped into the German area where Platini rose to head down. As Dominique Rocheteau prepared to swivel around and strike at goal he was dragged back by strongman defender Karl-Heinz Forster and referee Corver immediately pointed to the penalty spot. Captain Platini sent Schumacher the wrong way to make it 1-1.

The remainder of normal time became a series of smooth, flowing football, near miss after near miss and crisis after crisis.

With one minute left Manuel Amoros from the A.S. Monaco club charged upfield from his left back position. Once in range of the German goal he unleashed a ferocious dipping 22 metre shot which sent the ball cannoning onto the underside of the German crossbar and out to safety. Little Littbarski had suffered a similar fate with a shot way

back in the 15th minute so perhaps it was just that Amoros failed by centimetres to put France into the final.

Players sank to their knees with exhaustion at the end of normal time. They had given a most their all in temperatures reaching 84 degrees Fahrenheit. They also had produced the most magnificent spectacle and made this game a permanent feature of every well documented book on the great games of World Cup football.

A crowd already drunk with the excesses of excellence settled into their seats to watch extra time. They were not disappointed.

Big black French sweeper Marius Tresor sent the crowd wild with delight when he put the French 2-1 up in the second minute of extra time. Giresse took a free kick on the right, near the by-line. Breitner was part of the German two man wall which confronted the little French midfielder

maestro. Breitner's head flicked the ball and slightly deflected it but not enough. There was Tresor, strangely unmarked in the middle of the German six yard box. He expertly volleyed into the roof of goal past a startled Schumacher.

Seven minutes later for all intents and purposes France reached the final.

Didier Six found room on the left of the German area. He held possession until Giresse supported him then placed the ball into the path of his team mate. Giresse didn't let six down and thundered the ball in off the near post from the edge of the area.

Rummenigge just had come on and now his presence told. He played deep, but always got forward quickly, linking up well with Fischer and Littbarski.

Uli Stielike, in a rare sortie into the French half, gained possession just outside the French area. He played the ball wide to Littbarski on the left of the area and new wonder boy of German soccer crossed low to the near post where Rummenigge stuck out a foot and slipped the ball in. French defender Janvion was desperately unlucky not to get a vital touch. He was right at Rummenigge's back but couldn't stop the German captain from slipping the ball past Ettori.

Were the Germans going to stage a truly remarkable fight-back?

The French were adopting kamikaze tactics at the back. They had no idea of how to shut out the rampant Germans.

Some of the French play inside their defensive third was hair raising. They actually tried to dribble their way out of trouble at times and even though they were flirting with danger it still seemed likely that they would survive.

Until a magic moment in the 108th minute. Littbarski got room down the left wing and he curled a tantalising far post cross. Ettori stayed in goal, big Hrubesch headed down and Fischer did the rest with his well rehearsed bicycle kick.

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It's that man Rossi once more

ITALY 2 (Rossi 22nd, 73rd) POLAND 0 in Barcelona. Referee: Juan Cardellino (Uruguay) 7.

ITALY: Zoff 8 — Tardelli 7, Bergomi 7, Scirea 8, Cabrini 8 — Orsini 7, Colovatti 6, Graziani 8 (Altobelli 72nd 7) — Rossi 8, Antognoni 8 (inj. Massaro 20th 7), Conti 7.

POLAND: Mlynarczyk 7 — Dziuba 7, Janas 8, Zmuda 7, Majewski 7 — Busnel 8, Ciolek 4 (Pisak H.T. 4), Matysik 6, Kupciewicz 7 — Lato 8, Smolarek 4 (Kuszt 70th 4).

That man Paolo Rossi again! What a sensation he's been in the later stages of a magnificent Mundiespana '82.

You just can't satisfy this lean, lithe striker's thirst for goals.

It must be said though that Polish manager Antoni Piechniczek made a mess of the stability which had carried this fine Polish outfit to such dizzy heights.

Andrzej Buncol has not been bettered in this tournament as a left sided midfielder. Why oh why did Piechniczek play Buncol on the right of his mid-field quartet?

And when you work that one out ask yourself why right sided midfielder Janusz Kupciewicz suddenly appeared on Poland's left.

Gregorz Lato, equalling Kazimierz Deyna's record of 102 caps, was given little support up front. Lato always has looked better coming forward from deep but this wasn't his role against the Italians.

Rather he and Włodzisław Smolarek were the front-runners so often starved of the ball.

Eighteen year old Giuseppe Bergomi made his World Cup debut for Italy here and did well.

Bergomi, nicknamed "Auntie" by his club team-mates at Internazionale because of his cool head and maturity, came into the defence to replace Claudio Gentile, suspended for two bookings received during Italy's second round victories over Argentina and Brazil.

Bergomi 22 years younger than the man behind him in goal, captain Dino Zoff, came on as substitute against Brazil and impressed manager Enzo Bearzot with his impeccable marking.

Italy made most of the early running with the Poles operating counter-attacks.

In ten minutes Poland could have taken the lead when Kupciewicz managed to pierce the tight-marking Italian defence. But his finishing shot was weak and gave Zoff no problems.

After 22 minutes, Rossi opened the scoring. The Juventus front runner was left unmarked as Antognoni took a free kick from just outside the penalty area, and he stabbed the ball home from point-blank range.

The Poles were badly missing the invention and shooting skills of the suspended Zbigniew Boniek and never looked like taking command.

Their frustration started to show in some crude fouling and Matyski Smolarek and



Giancarlo Antognoni relaxes by the pool of his team's hotel with an ice pack on a foot injury sustained against Poland. He was unable to play in the final.

Zmuda were cautioned by Uruguayan referee Juan Cardellino. Italian defender Colovatti also was shown the yellow card.

Rossi struck again in the 72nd minute and it was a goal to be remembered.

Substitute Alessandro Altobelli fed Conti on the left and when the winger's perfectly flighted cross arrived at the far post, Rossi stopped to conquer, heading the ball home almost on his hands and knees.

People flocked out into the streets of Rome immediately after Italy's win.

Carloads of flag-waving fans, horns blaring circled the Vatican, where Polish-born Pope John Paul had watched his native country's team fall.

And gloom reigned at the Polish Ecclesiastical College

the weekend

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Poland finishes third, France not interested

POLAND 3 (Szarmach 40th, Majewski 44th, Kupciewicz 46th) FRANCE 2 (Girard 12th, Couriol 72nd) at Alicante. Referee Antonio Garrido (Portugal).

FRANCE — Castaneda 6, Amoroso 8, Michel 7, Trassor 8, Janyon 7 (Lopez 63 minutes), Girard 7, Larrea 8, Tigana 8, (Six 82), Couriol 8, Soler 6, Bellone 6.

POLAND — Mlynarczyk 7, Dzube 7, Zmuda 7, Janas 7, Majewski 8, Kupciewicz 8, Buracki 8, Mayas 7 (Wojcik 6 45), Leto 7, Bawler 7, Szarmach 6.

French manager Michel Hidalgo made seven changes to the side, choosing only four of the players who took part in Thursday's dramatic semi-final against West Germany in Seville, where France lost on penalties.

The French were hit by injuries and sheer exhaustion, but Hidalgo said his line-up also was aimed at giving a game to every player who had not yet taken part in the finals.

Only third-choice goalkeeper Dominique Barthelemy did not play.

Hidalgo made it clear neither he nor the team were particularly interested in playing for third place. He told reporters the losing semi-finalists should be declared equal third.

Poland had star striker Zbigniew Boniek back after missing the 2-0 semi-final defeat by Italy through suspension.

But it was without Włodzisław Smolarek, who had been suspended after receiving two yellow cards.

Poland hit three goals in a

six-minute spell to beat France 3-2 to take third place.

For the Poles, it was a repeat of the 1974 finals in Munich when they also finished in the number three spot behind West Germany and Holland.

There were gaps all over the terracing in the Rico Perez Stadium in this Mediterranean resort but at least 25,000 people, many of them curious holidaymakers, enjoyed a lively game in a holiday atmosphere.

Even with seven changes from the semi-final line-up, the French dominated the match for all but six vital minutes just before and after half-time.

It was one of the newcomers, Rene Girard of Bordeaux, who put France in front in the 12th minute with a shot which went in off the post.

The French, with Jean Tigana and Jean-Francois Larios sewing up the midfield, looked well on top until the 40th minute when Andrzej Smarnach equalised, also via a goalpost.

In the last minute of the first half, Stefan Majewski rose to head solidly home from a corner and put the Poles unexpectedly in front at the interval.

A minute after the break, Janusz Kupciewicz, taking a free kick on the left, noticed French goalkeeper Jean Castaneda out of position and curled the ball low just inside the unguarded near post to make it 3-1.

Alain Couriol, like Castaneda having his first match in the finals, got a nice souvenir when he ran on to a neat chip from Tigana to slip

the ball past Mlynarczyk and make it 3-2.

The Poles were clearly delighted with their third place, won in such economical style, while the French did not look too put out by their defeat.

When the French players walked to the centre of the pitch to wave to the crowd, they received rousing cheer for the stylish football they had produced during their last few World Cup games.

ALL THE FINALS

All World Cup finals:
1930 (in Uruguay): Uruguay 4 (Dorado, Coe, Iriarte, Castro) Argentina 2 (Poucello, Stabile).
1934 (in Italy): Italy 2 (Schlavio, Orsi) Czechoslovakia 1 (Puc).
1938 (in France): Italy 4 (Colaussi 2, Piola 2) Hungary 2 (Tikos, Sarosi).
1950 (in Brazil): Uruguay 2 (Schiaffino, Ghiggia) Brazil 1 (Friaça).
1954 (in Switzerland): West Germany 3 (Rahn 2, Morlock) Hungary 2 (Puskas, Czibor).
1958 (in Sweden): Brazil 5 (Vava 2, Pele 2, Zagalo) Sweden 2 (Liedholm, Simonsson).
1962 (in Chile): Brazil 3 (Amarildo, Zito, Vava) Czechoslovakia 1 (Masopust).
1966 (in England): England 4 (Hurst 3, Peters), West Germany 2 (Haller, Weber) a.e.t.
1970 (in Mexico): Brazil 4 (Pele, Gerson, Jairzinho, Carlos, Alberto) Italy (Boninsegna).
1974 (in West Germany): West Germany 2 (Bretzner pen, Mueller) Holland 1 (Neeskens pen).
1978 (in Argentina): Argentina 3 (Kempes 2, Bertoni) Holland 1 (Nanninga) a.e.t.
1982 (in Spain): Italy 3 (Rossi, Tardelli, Altobelli) West Germany 1 (Bretzner).



Bruno Conti (left), best player of the World Cup final, pursues German's star defender Karl-Heinz Foerster.

Gentile, Bergomi win key battles

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And Tardelli gave him all the help he needed. He was a thunderbolt, searing a path of destruction through the middle of the German team. Whereas his counterpart, Paul Breitner, played it thoughtfully and slowly, Tardelli sliced between defence and attack like a switchblade.

Here was another stark contrast in style.

Italy's passing, even when it involved three or four triangle movements on end, was fast, crisp and always accurate and its moves out of defence were decisive. Everything about Germany's play was much slower.

Captain Karl-Heinz Rummenigge who played from the start despite an injury, was unable to cope with the Italian defence and eventually was replaced. But even Pierre Littbarski, fully fit and backed by an awesome reputation he had earned in this championship, was brushed aside — he by Claudio Gentile, Rummenigge by Giuseppe Bergomi.

In midfield, Bretzner had to rely on help from Wolfgang Dremmler who couldn't get going, or from Briegel who was out of touch, or from Manfred Kaltz moving up the right but Kaltz did little except play a few crosses.

Tardelli, on the other hand, had all the help he wanted from Gabriele Orsini and course from Conti, who played both as a midfielder and a winger.

Yes, this was Italy's final. Perhaps Germany had given too much in that memorable penalties victory over France, but then coach Jupp Derwall could have used new men had he believed others were at the end of their rope. In fact, he finally did throw Horst Hrubesch and Hansi Mueller into the fray, but of course it was too late then. Hrubesch, one felt, should have been used from the start. What a difference he had made as a substitute against France!

A word in praise of Dino Zoff: the great 40-year-old goalkeeper played soundly in his 106th international match. Bobby Moore and Bjorn Nordqvist now are the only two who have more caps in world football.

Let's hope he goes on to set a new record.

Italy started this match at a distinct disadvantage because its captain, Giancarlo Antognoni, was unable to play due to

matters worse, hard-working striker Francesco Graziani had to leave the field after only seven minutes, having hurt his right shoulder. Altobelli came on in Graziani's place, and he was to score one of the goals.

Really, Italy should have won by three instead of two.

That other goal was there for the taking when referee Arnoldo Coelho pointed to the penalty spot after Briegel had fouled Conti on the right side of the area as Conti was going for a cross from Cabrini. It was Cabrini who took the shot, and he struck it wide of Schumacher's left-hand post.

It was perhaps a tribute to the Italians' confidence that Graziani hardly looked perturbed.

Klaus Fischer menaced the Italian defence in the first half hour, having the ball hooked virtually off his foot by Collovati inside the goal area and then missing narrowly with a fine diving header, but Orsini threatened too, and it was only a last-moment foul by Uli Stielike that prevented Orsini from finishing off a strong solo run with a goal.

It was Rossi who broke the deadlock in the 56th minute

with his sixth goal of the championship, making him the highest scorer of the series, and it was Rummenigge who helped cause the goal.

The German captain had run all the way back into defence, where he committed a foul, resulting in a free kick which quickly was pushed wide to Gentile. He crossed into the middle where Rossi beat two German defenders to the ball to head it past Schumacher, risking life and limb in doing so.

Germany had one chance to pull back that goal. Zoff was unable to grab Briegel's cross in the 65th minute and Rummenigge was in there, trying to get his boot to it. Collovati however, cleverly shepherded the ball for Zoff, keeping Rummenigge away from it until Zoff could gather it in.

That was the end of Germany as 15 minutes later, Italy led 3-0.

Scirea elegantly strode up the field in the 69th minute, interpassing along the way, before cutting the ball square to Tardelli who, although a little off-balance as he took his shot, blasted a volley past Schumacher for the second goal.



German coach Jupp Derwall (right) consoles captain Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, who was hampered by injury throughout the World Cup.

Rossi is king

From page one

"I've always had confidence in him. That's why I have waited for him," said Italian team manager Enzo Bearzot, who spent the two years of Rossi's suspension stating that he wanted him for the cup. His stand paid off.

The Italian manager was heavily criticised for his decision. Some critics argued that a player out of the game for two years could not recuperate in just a few weeks. Others said a player involved in a scandal did not deserve to play for his country.

"We would have preferred a more relaxed comeback, without the pressure of the World Cup," Trapattini said. "But we know what Rossi means for a team and I fully understand Bearzot."

The Juventus coach himself, however, put the player back on his lineup the first Sunday he was allowed to, on April 25, because the team had not been scoring much. Rossi produced a goal and gave Juventus the decisive push in its last three games towards its 20th league title.

Pele's view

Former Brazilian star Pele said that Italy was not the finest squad in the 24-team tournament.

"Italy played well, but I wouldn't say they were the best," Pele told a Spanish television interviewer.

"Technically, Brazil plays better. But Italy has mastered the counter-attack and, in the past few games, they were able to do it not with just one man, but with several."

He also credited Italy with expert marking of particularly dangerous opponents, including West German striker Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, who was shut off in the final match by Giuseppe Bergomi.

"Rummenigge may not have been in perfect shape, and for such close marking as was evident in this match, you have to be," he said.

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The powerful Poles—as seen by former coach of Lodz

Henryk Sass, former head coach of LKS Lodz, was one of the keenest observers of Poland's World Cup progress. Sass, who has been in Melbourne since the World Youth Championships last year, knows most of Poland's players well, and has coached some of them.

"This team is not as good as the one we had in 1974, but it was the 1982 tournament that gave Poland its best chance in history of winning the World Cup," Sass said.

Sass, 41, played as a midfielder for LKS Lodz from 1959 to 1968, in the company of Vic Janczyk, Kaz Kowalec and Marian Gasior who later came to Melbourne to play for Polonia.

He moved on to the U.S. to play for Chicago Mustangs and coach Wisla Athletic before returning to Poland.

When the present Polish national coach Antoni Piechniczek quit Second Division club BSK Bielsko, it was Sass who took over from him. Sass later became head coach of LKS Lodz and head coach of the soccer federation in the Lodz area — a position which involved organising soccer clinics and co-ordinating the coaching of children at 35 primary and 15 secondary schools as well as overseeing the training of soccer coaches.

Sass also played in the Polish Olympic squad in 1960 until he was injured and he often assisted the then national coach, Kaz Gorski, with the national junior team.

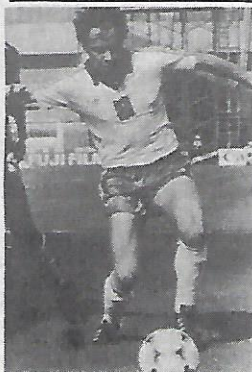
At the moment, he coaches twice a week at Clayton Technical School in Melbourne, and hopes to set up a permanent coaching scheme at that school, for all year seven students in the district. Sass also helps coach the seniors and juniors at Malvern City.

"Soccer Action" asked him to give our readers an insight into the Polish national squad. He went through Piechniczek's most favored players, one by one:

JOSEF MIYNARCZYK, 28, goalkeeper, Widzew Lodz: He was disqualified from soccer for about a year, disqualifying Boniek, Zmuda and Terlecki who is not in this squad over a disciplinary matter while Lodz was in Rome for a match there. Sass didn't want to give details, but Press reports at the time said that Miynarczyk had been caught drinking and that when he was sent home from Rome, the others stuck by him and were exiled as well. Miynarczyk is back now, as good as ever: strong, fearless and extremely accurate when delivering the ball.

MARK DZIUBA, 26, right back, LKS Lodz: Sass coached Dziuba at Lodz and he

By LAURIE SCHWAB



Andrzej Buncol — midfielder with the defensive discipline the Brazilians lack.

is proud of Dziuba's part in the moves that led to two goals against Belgium. Dziuba was captain of Poland for a few years and also is captain of LKS Lodz. A big, strong man, he plays offensively from his right back position.

WŁADYSŁAW ZMUDA, 28, centre back, Widzew Lodz: Was only 20 years old when he played in the 1974 World Cup in West Germany and has developed into one of the country's finest players. He and Pawel Janas play as dual centre backs, exchanging positions according to the run of play. Unlike so many teams, Poland does not play with a sweeper. Zmuda is the tallest of the defenders, and he often comes forward, starting attacks with elegant passes. He is a quiet man, never nervous on the field.

PAWEŁ JANAS, 29, centre back, Legia Warsaw: Formerly with Widzew, so Sass knows him well. Janas does not have the same fine technique as Zmuda, and tends to belt first-time clearances away from the danger zone, whereas Zmuda is less impetuous. Not as tall as Zmuda, but equally as strong.

STEFAN MAJEWSKI, 26, Legia Warsaw, left back: Sass says Majewski was the stand-in for Jan Jalocho who has been injured during the World Cup. He played well last year but was often on the bench previously. A former midfielder, he now is



Midfielder Janusz Kupcewicz — free-kick expert.

a cool, skilful, offensive full back, although he is slower than Jalocho and not as good at marking an opponent.

JANUSZ KUPCEWICZ, 26, Arka Gdynia, central midfielder, Sass says Kupcewicz is the best free kick-taker in Poland, and he wonders therefore why Boniek took virtually all the free kicks. "Boniek often hit his shots into the wall," he says, "so I think sometimes it would have been better for Kupcewicz to take them." When Kupcewicz played in the Polish youth team, most observers thought he would be another Lubanski. But he was injured later, and has not really fulfilled his early promise, although he remains an extremely accomplished midfielder.

ANDRZEJ BUNCOL, 22, Legia Warsaw, left midfielder: Formerly of Ruch Chorzow, he is on the verge of a brilliant national team with a good shot, who works tirelessly up and down the field and also scores goals. Here, Sass draws a comparison with the Brazilians. They, he says, use only players who go forward, yet every good team must be built around a hard nucleus of responsible defensive players. Buncol, although a midfielder, does not neglect his defensive duties like some of the Brazilians do. In this regard, Boniek displeases Sass. "I watched on TV during the World Cup as Boniek stood still, watching an opposing defender with the ball only three metres away. Sure, Boniek saves his energy for attack, but in such a situation, he must go to the opponent."

WALDEMAR MATYSIK, 20, Gornik Zabrze, central midfielder: Played many times as central defender in the youth team, and stays back most of the time in his midfield role, giving the other central midfielder more scope to go forward.

GRZEGORZ LATO, 32, Lokren, right midfielder: Lato, says Sass, has so much energy and determination, that he must have two hearts. "He is a very good man, always the same, very quiet, like Lubanski. He is one of the 10 best players in Poland's history." The difference between Lato of today and Lato of 1974 when he was top scorer in the World Cup, is that while he has lost some of his speed, he has developed his technique and he uses his brain more. "Before, he only ever went forward, and he did it very fast. Now he plays with exactness and he never loses the ball," Sass says. Will he come back to Poland? "Maybe not. Kasperczak went to Metz in France and he's now coaching now. Deyna went to Manchester City and also to the U.S. Gadocha went to France, and also to the U.S., Gorgon is in Switzerland. Lubanski has a coffee shop in Lokren, called 'Penalty'. The financial conditions are better abroad than in Poland. The only one who came back is Tomaszewski who's now assistant coach at LKS Lodz."

ZBIGNIEW BONIEK, 26, Widzew Lodz, striker or midfielder: In Sass's opinion he is the best talent in Poland. Sass first saw Boniek when he came to Widzew as a junior in 1975. Sass and Gorski watched him together and both agreed he would be a brilliant player. "He is easy, elastic, in the way he plays," says Sass. "He knew many tricks even when he was a junior, and he can shoot with great power with both feet. Also, in three-metre sprints, he is fantastic, and this is very important for a player. Sometimes though, his behaviour is bad. He talks to referees too much, and he often gets the yellow card. He got the red card too once."

WŁODZIMIERZ SMOLAREK, 24, Widzew Lodz, striker: He will be 25 on July 16, and like Boniek, he sometimes behaves badly on the field. At Legia Warsaw, Smolarek was on the bench, but now he is a leading player — great left-foot shot, good control, tricky dribbler and great fighting qualities.

PIOTR SKROBOWSKI, 20, Wisla Krakow, midfielder, the youngest player in the squad, he suffered an injury during the World Cup, which caused him to miss games.

ANDRZEJ IWAN, 22, Wisla Krakow, striker: An excellent player, but also ham-



A moment of relaxation for Zbigniew Boniek (left) and Grzegorz Lato.



Striker Włodzimierz Smolarek (left) breaks clear of a tackle by Sulakvelidze of the USSR.

pered by injury in the World Cup, Poland's best combination, says Sass, would feature Iwan and Smolarek as the two strikers, with Boniek back in midfield.

WŁODZIMIERZ CIOLAK, 28, Stal Mielec, striker: He and Lato were fellow strikers when Lato was still in Poland, so this Polish team has the option, when necessary, to reunite them again at any time.

Boniek will join Italian club Juventus after this World Cup, for a transfer fee of well over \$1 million. Where does the money go in the Polish soccer set-up, we wanted to know.

Sass says it will go to a central sports committee which will use most of the money to assist sport in general, and will give some of it to Boniek's present club, Widzew.

But Boniek isn't the only star heading abroad. Sass tells us that Zmuda is set to join Verona in Italy and that Janas may go to Auxerre which already boasts Andrzej Szarmach. In the past, a player could not leave Poland until he turned 30 but that rule has been varied.

What has caused Polish soccer to blossom the way it has since 1972 when Poland won the Olympic gold medal?

According to Sass, it has had a lot to do with higher wages for national team players. "Earlier, the players got more from their clubs than from national team duty," he says. "When that changed in 1972, we saw the start of the golden age of Polish soccer."



Polish goalkeeper Josef Miynarczyk (right) has a joke with his understudy Jakub Kasimierski.



Poland's coach Antoni Piechniczek — preceded Sass at BSK Bielsko.

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Dominique Rocheteau

The real Rocheteau emerges

By PAUL MOON

France's prolonged interest in this year's World Cup has given Dominique Rocheteau (pictured left) the opportunity to prove that seven minutes of magic produced six years ago was no mere fluke.

It was in the 83rd minute of the 1976 European Cup final that Rocheteau took the field as substitute, his right thigh heavily strapped to protect an injury.

The St. Etienne replacement tore Bayern Munich's defense to shreds during his short stay on the pitch, but unfortunately had luck, poor finishing by colleagues and Sepp Maier's fine goalkeeping con-

trived to allow the Germans to maintain their one goal advantage.

Rocheteau had joined St. Etienne six years earlier, having been spotted in a national skills competition in which he finished 22nd in a 22 strong field.

Pierre Garonnais, general manager of St. Etienne, noticed potential brilliance though and obtained his signature. Prior to this the frail youth had been resigned to joining the family's long established business, selling oysters. Dominique however had far bigger fish to fry.

The fast, ultra-skilled winger's impact was so immediate that he was capped by France after just four league appearances, but it was with his club that Rocheteau first gained the world's attention.

Spearheaded by Rocheteau and gifted midfielder Michel Platini, St Etienne

dominated French football during the mid 1970s, winning the league championship three successive times and making a significant mark in the European Champions' Cup, culminating in the Hampden Park final of '76.

It was typical of the Saintes born player's ill fortune that he missed all but seven minutes of that game through an injury sustained in the semi-final against PSV Eindhoven.

The badly torn muscle eventually required an operation. The injuries Rocheteau has suffered are sufficient to satisfy a legion of hypochondriacs: two leg injuries necessitating operations, abductor problems, ligament trouble in his left knee, both his nose and collar bone have been broken, an elbow dislocated, countless thigh muscles pulled, acute tendinitis and a history of illness created by extreme anxiety.

Despite being a cult figure amongst the

youth of France with his good looks, long hair, love of fast cars and rock music — Rocheteau is a recluse and introvert.

Much of which explains the enigmatic form which has dogged his career.

Transferred to Paris St. Germaine in July, 1981, Rocheteau has solved most of his psychological problems in the anonymity of a big city; being just one amongst many famous celebrities, whereas in provincial St. Etienne he found himself constantly harassed by fans.

Having seemingly come to terms with "superstardom", it is unlikely that the Frenchman will become a second George Best as many feared.

In Spain, Rocheteau displayed his best form ever in a French jersey. Four years earlier he was a bitter disappointment in the World Cup finals, despite having played extremely well in the qualifying

Greenwood steps down, Robson takes over

It was third time lucky for Bobby Robson when he was elevated to the England managership last week eight years after he first became a contender.

He was one of the leading candidates when Don Revie was appointed in 1974 and also made the short list before Ron Greenwood was given the job three years later.

Now Greenwood has stepped aside, the way is clear for Robson to vacate the manager's chair at Ipswich, which he has occupied for the past 13 years.

He is the First Division's longest-serving manager and brought to Ipswich a consistency which was the envy of many of its rivals.

Despite lacking the resources of a big-city club, Ipswich still finished in the top six every season bar one in the past 10 years.

The only time it missed out, in 1978, it had the ample compensation of the FA Cup to show for its efforts. It also won the UEFA Cup last year and has been first division runner-up for the past two seasons.

Born in County Durham 40 years ago, Robson came south to join Fulham as a player in 1950.

He moved to West Bromwich in 1956 for \$50,000 and spent six years there before returning to Craven Cottage.

A stylish wing-half or inside forward, Robson won 20 England caps and played in the 1958 World Cup in Sweden.

He made 384 league appearances before his first-team playing days ended in 1966 and he became one of the first Englishmen to sample North American soccer when he joined Vancouver Royals as player-coach.

In 1968 he was back at Fulham again, this time as manager, but he was sacked after 10 months.

He took over at Ipswich in January 1969 and quickly established a reputation which brought tempting offers from Derby, Everton, Leicester and Sunderland, to name but a few.

Robson turned them all down, but he came close to leaving Portman Road in September 1979.

He was set to join Athletic Bilbao but the move fell through when the Spanish Club refused to pay Ipswich \$400,000 compensation.

It is the second time Ipswich has lost its manager to England.

Alf Ramsey took Ipswich to the League title in 1962, then moved on to World Cup glory with England four years later.

Robson already has plenty of international experience. He has been responsible for England's "B" team since it was reconstituted four years ago.

Bert Millichip, chairman of the English Football Association, said:

"We picked the man we want."

He said no one else had been considered to replace Ron Greenwood, the 60-year-old England manager who is retiring following England's campaign in this year's World Cup.

Robson, has agreed to a five-year contract.

Millichip refused to reveal any of the financial details but said, in reference to compensation to be paid to Ipswich: "We shall be sympathetic to Ipswich in the short term."

He said: "We will be sitting down with Bobby Robson very shortly and looking at the whole future for the next five years."

They would hope to introduce greater skills, starting at the bottom level.

Millichip said he was "very, very pleased and happy" with the way Greenwood had carried out his task. He said the outgoing manager's advice would still be solicited in administrative matters, but there was "no way" that Greenwood would be involved

in Robson's coaching of the side.

Greenwood himself looked back on his five years in charge of the National side when he made his final public statement last week as manager in the splendid surrounds of the Dona Endrina Hotel at Navacerrada, north-west of Madrid.

Fresh in his mind was the failure to hit the back of Spain's goal which entailed England's elimination from the finals without having lost a single game and having conceded only one goal in 450 minutes of football.

"I've no complaints really. We are a bit like the Russians in not having lost a game, but we failed to find goals in the second round and that's what the game is all about," he said.

"This England squad has been a credit to football in the way it played and in the way it behaved over the past few weeks."

The only thing it did not do was score goals at the right time. Against Spain we felt we had to be patient in the first half. We made changes at the right time and gave the Spaniards fresh problems, but the goals just would not come," he added.

"I have no regrets over the way we prepared for these finals. The only tragedy was that Kevin Keegan and Trevor Brooking were unable to play until the last game."

Greenwood said he felt English football had recovered a lot of respect since he took over the game with Switzerland at Wembley in 1977. Certainly England missed out on the 1978 finals in Argentina and was disappointing in the European Nations finals in Italy two years ago.

But he lists among the achievements he is proud of: the team's unbeaten run in its last 11 games, reaching the final of the European Under-21 Championships this year, winning the European youth title and playing well in the World Youth Cup finals in Australia.

"I do not think we have done

that badly over the past four or five years and the continuity is there. Bobby Robson has been part of it and if he gets the job after me, it should be no problem," he said.

"I am leaving behind a squad in which it is doubtful there will be any new introductions before the start of September."

Greenwood, 60, said he would not be taking any further full-time job in football, although he had been asked to continue on a consultative basis for England.

He returned to England with the rest of the party and did not return for last weekend's final in Madrid.

Greenwood left behind 40 years of football which brought success both as a player and a manager at club and international levels.



Bobby Robson (left) with his friend Michael Parkinson during England's visit to Australia in 1980.

Arconada's defence too good for England

SPAIN 0 ENGLAND 0 in Madrid. Referee: Alexis Ponnet (Belgium) 8.

ENGLAND — Peter Shilton 6, Mick Mills 6, Terry Butcher 6, Phil Thompson 7, Kenny Sansom 6, Bryan Robson 8, Ray Wilkins 6, Graham Rix 6, Trevor Francis 6, Paul Mariner 6, Tony Woodcock 6.

Substitutes: Ray Clemence, Phil Neal, Glenn Hoddle, Trevor Brooking, Kevin Keegan.

SPAIN — Luis Arconada 9, Santiago Urquiza 8, Miguel Tendillo 8, Jose Alencas 8, Rafael Gordillo 8, Miguel Alonso 8, Jose Camacho 7, Jesus Zamora 8, Enrique Saura 6, Jesus Satriestegui 6, Carlos Santillana 6.

Substitutes: Miguel Angel, Roberto Lopez Ufarte, Manuel Jimenez, Antonio Macedo, Pedro Uralde.

England manager Ron Greenwood must take the

blame for his country's exit from the 1982 World Cup.

Greenwood threw Trevor Brooking and Kevin Keegan into the fray as second half replacements for Graham Rix and Tony Woodcock and he must be rueing the omission of these substitutes from his starting line-up.

Brooking, the West Ham midfielder maestro immediately created openings in a previously resolute Spanish defence.

His disposal and positioning prised apart a Spanish back five which had frustrated the English for three quarters of this crucial match. Unfortunately for England it finished well below the standard required at this highest of levels.

Greenwood vacated the nation's managership immediately Belgian referee Alexis Ponnet signalled the finale of England's sortie in Spain. The one time West Ham manager seemed pleased with his efforts at the helm which had started in 1977. He should have been mulling over a possible different outcome against the Spaniards had he started off with Brooking, Keegan and multi talented Glen Hoddle.

He wasn't Greenwood preferred to talk about what had been achieved during his reign.

"It's the end of my career as a football manager but I don't think I would have been any prouder of my lads if we had won," said Greenwood.

Truly commendable stuff, sirrah. Rah, rah and all that.

So Greenwood returned home well satisfied to a country still reminiscing over its magnificent 1966 triumph.

Winning is all that counts.



Spain's Santiago Urquiza (left) steps over a tackle from England's Paul Mariner.

replaces Greenwood. What England needs is someone like Robson who would have had the guts to make changes for this match and to put out an England side which most of us seem sure could have found a way through Spain's rear-guard.

England, needing to win by two clear goals to go through ahead of West Germany to a semi-final clash with France, attacked bravely throughout but just could not pierce the Spanish defence.

England swarmed forward again and again but its commitment and drive were not rewarded with the goals it deserved.

Spain already had been eliminated from the second round power struggle but it gave England no favours in the

Spanish captain, goalkeeper Luis Arconada, handled every threat with aplomb.

Brooking wriggled clear on the left of the Spanish area in the last 10 minutes but Arconada was off his line in a flash to smother well.

Keegan had a great chance from a well contrived move by Paul Mariner and Bryan Robson but headed wide when it seemed easier to score.

The Spanish played on the break and played that tactic well.

Twice players got clear within 10 metres of the English goal but finished poorly.

So England bowed out of this World Cup with three wins and two draws. It came close to glory but in the final analysis lacked finishing finesse.

Spain was a major dis-



The England squad, back row left to right: Bryan Robson, Tony Woodcock, Steve Foster, Glenn Hoddle, Peter Withe, Viv Anderson, Trevor Brooking, Paul Mariner, Ray Wilkins. Middle row: Fred Street (physio), Geoff Hurst (coach), Graham Rix, Phil Thompson, Ray Clemence, Joe Corrigan, Peter Shilton, Terry Butcher, Steve Coppell, Don Howe (coach), Norman Medhurst (asst. physio). Front row: Kenny Sansom, Terry McDermott, Kevin Keegan, Ron Greenwood.

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Last dance for Brazil

ITALY 3 (Rossi 5th., 25th., 74th.) BRAZIL 2 (Socrates 12th., Falcao 68th) in Barcelona. Referee: Abraham Klein (Israel) 9.

BRAZIL — Valdir Peres 6, Leandro 7, Oscar 8, Luisinho 6, Cerezo 7, Junior 7, Socrates 7, Serginho 6 (Paolo Isidoro, 69 minutes), Zico 7, Eder 8, Falcao 9.

ITALY — Zoff 8, Gentile 9, Collovati (Bergomi 7 34), Scirea 9, Cabrini 7, Tardelli 9 (Marini 74), Orsini 7, Antognoni 9, Graziani 7, Rossi 9, Conti 8.

Amidst Italian elation, it nevertheless was appropriate to mourn the passing of Brazil — the team that has given this World Cup more entertainment than any other.

That the Brazilians lost this encounter was the unfortunate consequence of neglecting defence while striving only for goals, goals, goals. Cerezo said: "Our football was better than theirs but they took advantage of their opportunities." Falcao commented: "There was no justice because we played better

than Italy and all the other teams."

Zico said: "Football is goals, and today they scored one more." Captain Socrates said nothing.

But perhaps the Brazilian who came closest to the truth was Oscar. "It was trying to put on a show that sunk us," he said. "It would have been easiest to close up when we were level at 0-0, 1-1 and 2-2."

Oscar added that Brazil had paid for "some lack of concentration and, above all, the desire to score goals."

Smiling Italian manager Enzo Bearzot said Italy's performance was the logical consequence of its work in the first round and was due to hard work and the good physical shape of the players.

He said Italy had a chance to go 3-1 up and then suffered the Brazilians' second equaliser.

"Perhaps our opponents relaxed and thought they could win and this allowed us the space which we took advantage of."

Brazilian manager Tele Santana said individual mistakes

cost his team the match. "I've always said Brazil is not an unbeatable team. We made mistakes and they were taken full advantage of," he said.

Santana added: "Brazil played better than against Argentina. We were calmer, pressed better and built more attacks. Against Argentina, we played badly in the first half and were winning. Today we deserved to be winning at halftime and were a goal down."

The great Brazilian, Pele, said: "It is hard to believe Brazil are out. Brazil was the best team in the World Cup and is difficult to accept they will not be in the final."

Paolo Rossi, suspended for two years over his part in the AC Milan bribery scandal, performed the greatest individual feat in Italian soccer history by notching all three goals against the mighty Brazilians.

His first came through a header in the 5th minute. Conti did good work on the right, beating a man and then switching play to Cabrini on the left. Cabrini crossed to the far post and Rossi was there to head it in. It was his first goal of the Cup.

Serginho should have equalised five minutes later but, after battling past three players and getting a ricochet off the feet of Scirea, he missed the gaping goal.

But Brazil did get back on level terms within two minutes of that miss.

Zico, showing unbelievable ball mastery, went past Gentile, his marker, and fooled Dino Zoff by shooting just inside the near post whereas Zoff had expected a cut-back. It was cheeky and it was brilliant. The score was 1-1 and now we waited to see the real Brazil.

But instead, it was Italy again.

Cerezo lost the ball in defence. Rossi took it and belted it expertly past Waldir Peres 2-1.

Collovati was injured and replaced by Bergomi in the 34th minute, just after Zico had risen very high but had managed only to head straight



The goal that put Italy into the semi-finals. It completed Paolo Rossi's hat-trick and left Waldir Peres helpless.

at Zoff, playing his 104th game for Italy.

Brazil, unbeaten in 24 previous internationals since January, 1981, remained 1-2 behind at half time. But by that time, Zico had his shirt torn while being held back, and would have got a penalty had the whistle not sounded a second earlier for offside.

Also, Oscar had made a desperate goal-line clearance in front of Graziani.

Brazil's determined play paid dividends in the 68th minute. Junior played a fantastic swerving square pass to Falcao who had Cerezo making a run wide, inviting Falcao to pass it to him. Falcao, instead, delayed a moment, cut inside and slammed a fine shot past Zoff for the equaliser.

Paolo Isidoro came on for Serginho soon afterwards, enabling Socrates to move into Serginho's centre forward position.

Italy forced its first corner in the 78th minute, and from that corner, Rossi scored again. Bergomi got his head to it, Tardelli took the shot and Rossi was stationed in its path, to deflect it past Waldir Peres.

Zico put the ball into the net shortly afterwards but he was offside. Similarly, Antognoni scored an offside goal, and the match ended with three successive corners to Brazil.

Conti got inside Oscar on a return ball but shot across goal as it became more and more obvious that Brazil was leaving itself open at the back.

Rossie unsuccessfully claimed a penalty after being brought down by Luisinho, and then Zoff came to the edge of the area to block Cerezo who had made a brilliant run on a long through ball from Zico.

But Zico started fading now,

as Gentile stuck closer and closer to him, while Tardelli was running riot in midfield, and Conti was dominating the right flank.

Three more promising attacks followed. Serginho, in a tight situation, tried a sneaky back-heeler by Zoff saved, Rossie, unmarked on a square ball from Graziani, just missed the near post, and Zoff held a good free kick from Eder.

Before the game Italy received orders to fly in the face of years of ingrained instruction and put the accent on attack against Brazil.

The Italians are masters at defending and striking on the counter-attack. But manager Enzo Bearzot warned they could ill afford to let Brazil grab the initiative.

Italy's capital exploded in delirium minutes after the final whistle.

Carloads of flag-waving football fans, horns blaring wildly, cheered through the streets. People tore off their shirts to jump into fountains and shopkeepers waved flags in joy. One woman threw huge salami sausages into the street.

The emotional outburst followed a spell of nail-biting tension as the country came to a virtual halt around its television screens.

The Vatican, Parliament, ministries and major com-

panies were not answering their phones.

Police reported thousands converging on the centre of the city, throwing Rome's usually frantic home-going traffic into complete chaos.

In 1979 Vicenza club paid \$5.8 million transfer fee for Paolo Rossi.

Then in 1980 he was suspended for two years following a bribery scandal which ravaged his career, although he was never proven guilty.

He was accused of having fixed a game when he played for Perugia. The game, in which Perugia was heavily favored, ended in a 2-2 draw; Rossi scored two goals. It was never said how much money Rossi allegedly received.

Rossi protested his innocence, and was found innocent by an Italian court. Yet the Italian Football Federation suspended him for two years.

During that period Rossi got married, lived a regular life and was transferred to Juventus, for \$2.9 million and helped the team win its 20th national title.

He had played only three league matches for Juventus before joining the Italian World Cup squad.

In Spain, Rossi worked hard to get back into shape, but Italian officials rated him only about 80 percent of his standard before Italy opened play.

Just as Italy struggled with

three straight draws, so Rossi stuttered through the first round, claiming he was under the "psychological pressure" of not having scored a goal.

But he exploded sensationally against Brazil. It was the 25-year-old striker's first ever three-goal performance for the national team.

Rossi was promised free shoes for life and the Italian equivalent of a knighthood after the game.

Wine merchants in Pescara sent Rossi 1,000 litres of wine and shoemakers in Vigevano near Milan said they would supply him with footwear for the rest of his life.

Italian president Sandro Pertini, watching the game on television during his state visit to France, said he intended to award Rossi the civil title of Commendatore, which is equivalent to a knighthood.

Gentile the man who marked Zico, is the modern-day coach's dream but little understood by the fans. But his destructive marking job on Zico and Maradona had a certain awesome beauty.

Zico and Maradona fought a private battle for the right to be advertised as "the world's greatest footballer".

The Brazilian, who scored four goals in five games in Spain, won with ease and there have been rumours that Barcelona would like to pull out of their \$7.5 million purchase of the Argentine.



Falcao (right) was Brazil's star. Here he beats Rossi for a header.



Socrates (left) beats Dino Zoff to level at 1-1 after 12 minutes.

NO REGRETS, NO HARD FEELINGS

Hundreds of fans packed Rio's International Airport to greet the Brazilian soccer team on its return from Spain after being eliminated from the World Cup.

In contrast to the outbursts of anger and despair that followed Brazil's 3-2 loss to Italy, fans cheered and applauded the players as they got off the plane.

The players arrived at 8.15 local time and were met by enthusiastic well-wishers chanting "Brazil, Brazil." Many waved flags and banners of green and yellow, Brazil's national colours.

One supporter carried a sign saying: "As important as winning is holding your head up in defeat."

The only sour note occurred when one fan tried to approach the players with a

hand-printed sign reading: "Today's speciality: chicken, Waldir Peres style."

"Chicken" is Brazilian sports slang for a bad defensive play and evidently referred to goalie Waldir Peres' lacklustre performance in the World Cup. Police threw the protester out.

Coach Tele Santana, looking tired and tense, told reporters he had "no regrets" about Brazil's performance in the Cup. He added that if Brazil were to play Italy again, "I would instruct the team the same way."

Zico, one of the outstanding players in the Brazilian side, said the loss to Italy was one of those things that often happen in soccer.

"It was bad-luck day... I think fate wanted Brazil out of the Cup," he said.

The all-star midfielder of Rio's Flamengo Club said the Brazilian players were "calm (and) fully aware of the job we did. We are human beings and have the right to make a mistake."

One of the warmest receptions went to Falcao, the elegant midfielder of Italy's Roma Club. Fans applauded and chanted "Hey, hey, hey... Falcao is our king."

Considered by many as the number one player in the Brazilian team, Falcao said the team was "depressed because we weren't able to bring back the Cup."

Reuter reported that Giulio Coutinho, president of the Brazilian Football Association, said that Santana should continue as manager of the Brazilian team.

"I think Tele should carry on the work he is doing. In the last 35 games the team has lost only three matches," Coutinho said.

Brazilian newspapers reported that police had thrown a protective cordon around Santana's home after it was besieged by angry fans following the loss to Italy.

They said Santana's wife had also been plagued by a stream of insults over the telephone.

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Dunleavy replaces Morton, Alston or Gojkevic next?

By ALEX VESIC

Following last week's announcement by Wollongong to split the duties of manager and coach, Kan Morton reacted angrily describing the decision as a sacking.

I happened to have followed the development of the situation and was most intrigued about headlines which read "I was sacked" and "Wolves turn old coach" which appeared in the Sydney press.

For some time now it was obvious that Wollongong, despite its latest success in the league, had financial difficulties, mainly due to low attendances and lack of sponsorship. The decision to employ an extra man, rather than sack the coach was taken after a long and serious study by the Wollongong committee. In an effort to raise funds, the committee decided to create a position of secretary-manager, common at most PSL clubs.

Bob Powell at APIA Leichhardt, George Keith at Marconi, Michael Urukalo at Sydney City, just to name a few, are the men who have done so much, not only for their club's

image but also in raising funds, organising soccer clinics, carrying out secretarial duties which are a burden to a coach.

Hence the position of coach becomes part time.

That appears to be a bone of contention.

If Willie Wallace, Don Kapetanovic and Eddie Thompson, three well known coaches, accept the position part time I fail to see what possible problem would be created by having the same at Wollongong.

I'd hate to have Mr Morton misunderstand me, but I do agree with Wollongong's committee. Something had to be done in an area, tailor-made for regional success, to be a more viable financial unit. To carry on and run into further financial difficulties would be tragic.

Morton has achieved great success with his team, despite the lapse in the first six rounds of the competition. He also was given the same chance as any applicant for the position of the coach for the following year. It carries less money, but should he have considered the possibility, rather than accuse the club of sacking him, a situation would have developed which would provide a healthy base for the club's operations next year.

As it was, his outburst not only upset the committee, but also provided those who are not in "the know," with room for speculation detrimental to the club's future.

One of the players, Lee Adam, stood behind his coach, describing the decision as ludicrous. He is a fine player, but he also is a Wollongong player and should consider his club's decision a little deeper than he obviously did. Phil O'Connor also was quoted, and the rest of the side, I am sure, would agree with him and his policy



Adrian Alston

of "let's stand together. We are doing fine lads and we can do even better."

O'Connor suggested that the decision taken by the committee possibly was ill-timed but certainly didn't affect the morale of the team. O'Connor was vindicated. Despite the fact that Morton was missing due to his visit to Hobart, prior to Newcastle game, the Red Devils from southern New South Wales demolished Newcastle with ease at the International Sports Centre last Sunday.

I would repeat, just for the

record, that Morton had done a fine job at Wollongong and none can deny him that accolade. I feel that his parting with the club has left a sour note amongst those who held him in high esteem as a soccer coach and manager.

Following Morton's departure from Wollongong, the team has been taken over by caretaker coach, Chris Dunleavy, until such time as the new coach is appointed.

Adrian Alston, the ex-Socceroo, is the front runner for the position. He has come back to the South Coast and presently is biding his time in obvious hope that City recognises his experience, being a Luton Town player as well as a professional in the NASL and an Australian representative during the World Cup in 1974.

Alston also has gone through coaching courses in England and has learnt a lot from the Americans during his playing days in the NASL.

Lubo Gojkevic, the Sydney Olympic youth coach, looms as another candidate. Physical education at tertiary level plus many years of coaching stands behind the man in charge of the Olympic youth team.

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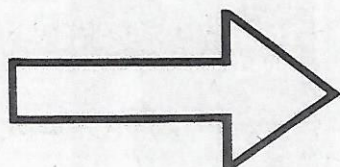
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Gouloupoulos slams PSL, Katholos to kill Marconi

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Survival in the Philips Cup and its hopes of finishing in the top four are at stake for Heidelberg which faces Makedonia at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday) and Wollongong at the Wollongong Showgrounds on Sunday.

Heidelberg president Sam Gouloupoulos renewed his attack on the PSL management committee by blasting its decision to stage the Cup match tonight, only three days after Heidelberg and Makedonia had clashed in a league match.

"The low attendance last Sunday — only about 4000 — proves conclusively that the fans will not come to two local derbies in the one week. They will save their money to go to either one or the other," Gouloupoulos said.

"The PSL made us suffer financially through postponed games last year and they're doing it to us again. The PSL said to my request that the Cup game be postponed that the league does not want to risk losing credibility. I say isn't it more important to make money at the gate?" "I'm not surprised that we didn't have a good crowd on Sunday and I won't blame the Heidelberg fans if they don't turn up for the Cup game. I also won't blame APJA's president, Nick Papalio, if he doesn't turn up at the APJA-Marconi game in Sydney after having protested against Marconi Stadium as the venue."

Heidelberg should have Theo Selemdis back after injury for its league clash with

APJA has a long way to go to pull itself out of its slump, whereas Brisbane City is chock-full of confidence after its 4-1 win over West Adelaide. It's taken time for Brisbane City to knit together, but the improving form of Bevan Bohan in midfield and the addition of Jim Hermiston and Peter Tokesi to the defence has made all the difference.

Peter Katholos, clearly the best player in Australia this year, has been a marked man for much of the season, yet still manages to control the match for Sydney Olympic. He will do so again on Sunday, to the detriment of Marconi at Pratten Park.

Olympic seems to have recovered from its bad spell and now is a good bet to finish in the top four. But it's Sydney City Hakoah that will win the championship, as it will demonstrate yet against by thrashing Canberra in Sydney. See

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PHILIPS LEAGUE STANDINGS

Last week's standings in brackets.

	HOME					AWAY						
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gls	Pts
1 (1) SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH	7	2	1	24:11		7	2	3	22:10	46:21	32	
2 (2) ST GEORGE BUDAPEST	9	2	1	24:9		2	3	5	14:22	38:30	27	
3 (4) SYDNEY OLYMPIC	5	1	5	20:13		6	2	3	21:16	41:31	25	
4 (7) WOLLONGONG	6	1	3	15:13		5	2	5	15:22	30:35	25	
5 (3) West Adel. Hellas	7	2	2	26:9		2	4	5	12:19	38:28	24	
6 (5) Heidelberg Alexander	7	3	2	21:14		2	3	5	11:10	32:30	24	
7 (7) APJA-Lehardt	6	2	3	19:19		3	3	5	18:25	37:44	23	
8 (8) Preston-Makedonia	5	4	2	20:14		2	4	5	10:20	30:34	22	
9 (10) Sth Mels. Hellas	5	3	2	19:13		2	4	6	16:17	35:30	21	
10 (9) Marconi-Datsun	7	1	3	26:13		2	2	7	7:16	33:29	21	
11 (14) Adel C. Juventus	3	6	2	14:9		2	6	3	13:16	29:27	19	
12 (11) Brisbane Lions	5	2	4	19:14		1	5	5	12:19	31:32	19	
13 (12) Canberra City	3	4	5	17:21		2	5	3	12:17	29:38	19	
14 (14) Footscray JUST	2	6	3	15:15		2	4	5	14:22	29:35	18	
15 (15) Newcastle KB Utd	3	4	4	15:16		3	1	7	15:25	30:41	17	
16 (16) Brisbane City	4	5	2	20:15		1	1	9	6:30	26:45	16	

PSL TEAM OF THE WEEK

POTTER (2)
(Makedonia)

ONTONG (2) (Canberra) **BANFIELD (5)** (Adel. Cdity) **TODOROVSKI (1)** (Makedonia) **YANKOS (4)** (H'berg)

RASKOPOULOS (3) (Syd. Olympic) **KATHOLOS (11)** (Syd. Olympic) **DAVIDSON (3)** (SM-Hellas)

WATSON (3) (Syd. City) **MARTON (7)** (St. George) **COTTON (1)** (Wollongong)

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 0 PRESTON-MAKEDONIA 0 at Olympic Village. Votes by Laurie Schwab.

6. Todorovski (Mak), 5 Yankos (H'berg), 4. Potter (Mak), 3. Jones (Mak), 2. McKellan (H'berg), 1. Cole (H'berg).

BRISBANE CITY 4 (Bohan, Hamilton, Hermiston pen, Corner) WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1 (Honeyman) at Spencer Park. Votes by Ricky Rosso:

6. Hamilton (BC), 5. Behan (BC), 4. Sumner (WA), 3. Hermiston (BC), 2. Perry (BC), 1. Honeyman (WA).

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0 SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 2 (Borges, Patikas) at Schinler Reserve. Votes by Peter Desira:

6. Watson (SC), 5. O'Connor (SC), 4. Kondarios (J), 3. Patikas (SC), 2. Mitchell (SC), 1. Cric (JUST).

NEWCASTLE KB UNITED 1 (Drinkwater 37th) WOLLONGONG 3 (Cotton 2, Waldron) at International Sports Centre. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

6. Cotton (W), 5. P. Tredinnick (W), 4. Bertogna (W), 3. H. Tredinnick (N), 2. Robertson (N), 1. Preston (W).

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 5 (Marton 2 incl pen, Wilkinson, R. O'Shea, Barton) BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Ogden pen) at St. George Stadium. Votes by Peter Scott:

6. Marton (St. G), 5. Barton (St. G), 4. Wilkinson (St. G), 3. Skeen (St. G), 2. R. O'Shea (St. G), 1. Slater (St. G).

APIA-LEICHHARDT 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 3 (Katholos 3) at Lambert Park. Votes by Alex Vesic:

6. Katholos (SO), 5. Raskopoulos (SO), 4. deCeglie (APIA), 3. Gavin (SO), 2. Ziras (SO), 1. Rowden (SO).

CANBERRA CITY 0 SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 4 (Egan 2, Davidson, Buljivic) at Bruce Stadium. Votes by Peter Wind-sor:

6. Davidson (SM), 5. Ontong (C), 4. Egan (SM), 3. Campbell (SM), 2. Christopoulos (C), 1. Blair (SM).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 0 MARCONI-DATSUN 0 at Olympic Sports Field. Votes by Meno Tourtsidis:

6. Banfield (AC), 5. Handerson (MI), 4. Calderon (MI), 3. Manou (AC), 2. Russell (AC), 1. Licata (MI).

90 Katholos (SO)
66 Marton (St. G)
62 Bertogna (W)
55 Stone (St. G)
54 McGeachey (WA)
53 Dunn (WA)
50 Bradley (APIA)
49 Iliakki (JUST)
44 Banfield (AC)
41 J. Campbell (H'berg), Raskopoulos (SO)
40 Redfern (SO), Hermiston (BC)
39 Murray (SC)
38 Honeyman (WA), Adam (W)
37 Kosmina (SC)
36 Egan (SM), Bennett (BL), Northcote, Russell (AC), T. Byrne, G. Byrne (Can)
35 Henderson (Marc), Watson (SC)
33 Yankos (H'berg), Lowe (Newc)
32 Kondarios (JUST)
31 Davidson (SM), Christopoulos (Can)
30 Heys (WA), H. Tredinnick (Newc), Calderon (Marc), Soper (APIA)
29 McMillan (H'berg)
28 G. Campbell (SM), P. O'Connor, Dunleavy (W)
27 Xanthopoulos (SM), Jennings (SO), Jankovics (Marc), Bohn (BC)
26 Vyzdoorn (H'berg), O'Reilly (JUST), Hunter (Marc), Barton, Ratcliffe (St. G)
25 Potter (Mak), Robertson (SC), Purdie (Can), Liddell (BC)
24 Blair (SM), Boyle (Mak), S. O'Connor (SC), Tokesi (BC)
23 Cotton (W)

PHILIPS LEAGUE (Sunday)

IN WOLLONGONG

WOLLONGONG v. Heidelberg-Alexander at Wollongong Showgrounds.

IN MELBOURNE

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v. Newcastle KB United at Middle Park.
Preston Makedonia v. ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST at Connor Reserve.

IN SYDNEY

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v. Canberra City at Sydney Athletic Field.
APIA-Leichhardt v. BRISBANE CITY at Lambert Park.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v. Marconi-Datsun at Pratten Park.

IN ADELAIDE

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS v. Footscray J.U.S.T. at Hindmarsh Stadium.

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane Lions v. Adelaide City Juventus (draw) at Richlands.

PHILIPS CUP (tonight, Wednesday, 7.30)

Brisbane Lions v. SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH at Perry Park.
HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER v. Preston Makedonia at Olympic Park.
WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS v. Canberra City at Hindmarsh.
MARCONI-DATSUN v. APIA-Leichhardt at Marconi Stadium.

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9 O'Connor (W), J. Nyakohus (AC), Brown (Mak).
8 Cotton (W), Jankovics (Marc), Redfern (SO).
7 Bradley (APIA), Purdie (Can), Patikas (SC), Millman (BL), Barton (St. G), Sinic (JUST).
6 T. Byrne (Can), Murray, Mitchell (SC), Williamson (BL), Slater (St. G), Ollerton (Mak), Katholos (SO), Lowe (Newc), Ristovski (JUST), Heys (WA).

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Wollongong, but on recent performances, Heidelberg cannot be confident of victory, despite the turmoil in the Wollongong camp over the Ken Morton affair.

Wollongong's climb into the top four certainly has been no fluke. It is playing tight, disciplined soccer, with Arno Bertogna starring in defence, Lee Adam in midfield, Phil O'Connor and Roy Cotton in attack, and newcomer Waldron adding an extra bit of class.

South Melbourne Hellas's advance up the ladder should continue with a win against Newcastle at Middle Park, and it's likely that Hellas will move ahead of APIA which appears to have little hope of beating Brisbane City at Lambert Park. Even though Peter Wilson is back in defence, what happens when you stop Kosmina and Mitchell? Patikas, or Borges, or Watson, or Murray, or Boden now that he's back, will score instead. Just ask J.U.S.T.

Talking about J.U.S.T. it's time it took a point. Of course it won't be easy against West Adelaide, but then nothing is easy in this league.

Success in any match depends upon which set of players gives more on the day. For West Adelaide, victory means keeping alive its top-four aspirations. For J.U.S.T. it means survival.

Adelaide City is fighting its survival battle with success. Its scoreless draw with Marconi last weekend lifted it to 11th place and although it finds goals hard to come by, it should manage another draw with Brisbane Lions, especially since John Nyakohus returns after suspension.

Makedonia played a tight defensive game to snatch a point from Heidelberg, but it will have to be even tighter against St. George at Connor Reserve, for St. George is running hot. Des. Marton can score no matter how tightly you mark him and Paul Wilkinson is a match for David Jones in the air.

But it's in midfield where Makedonia will struggle, for it has no-one to match the creative ability of Peter Stone, John O'Shea and Lajos Koritar.

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Laurie Schwab

George Todorovski played his best game for Makedonia since joining early this year from Vardar Skopje in Yugoslavia and Charlie Yankos maintained his stout form for Heidelberg in a match which was nerve-ringing and quite exhausting for the players, but uninspiring for the spectators. It was the second scoreless draw between these teams this

year, but many of the Makedonia players were confident afterwards they could beat Heidelberg in their Philips Cup match at Olympic Park tonight (Wednesday).

Neither set of forwards was given good service as both teams concentrated mainly on keeping the other out.

In fact, it was left to the forwards to make their own chances, and on chances alone, Heidelberg came out on top.

Gary Cole, taking advantage of good lead-up play by Chris Bekiaris, had a shot deflected across goal by the head of Gordon Flavell, Don Macleod hit the bar with a header and a shot by Charlie Yankos was saved one-handed by Steve Potter. The Makedonia goal-

keeper saved well again when he came out to smother Mike Valentine late in the match.

Makedonia had no scoring chances to speak of.

Cole was looking for his 80th league goal in this game but although he worked hard, it eluded him. He was relied upon to do a lot of aerial work this time, in the absence of Theo Selemidis who was injured, and although he is not renowned for being good in the air, Cole did it well.

Makedonia had Con Opasinas in midfield in place of Alan Whittle who is injured again, and brought in Richard Miranda at half time for Peter Ollerton who also had to go off injured.

Hamilton a new man, Boath carried off

Brisb. City 4
West Adel. 1

Scorers: BC: Bohan 20th, Hamilton 52nd, Hermiston (pen) 81st, Connor 88th; WA: Honeyman 13th.

Venue: Spencer Park. Conditions: Warm.

Crowd: About 1800.

Referee: Doug Rennie 8.

BRISBANE CITY: Pezzano 7, Perry 8, Liddell 7, Hermiston 8, Tokesi 7, McVeigh 6, Pimblett 7, Hamilton 5, Palinkas 7, Bohan 8, Connor 7.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 6, McGregor 6, McGachey 7, Dunn 7, Totiskis 6, Sumner 8, Sencro 6 (Atsalas 72nd), Booth 7, Heys 7, Honeyman 7, Manassis 6.

Former Footscray JUST player Joe Palinkas celebrated his return to the Brisbane City team by having a hand in three of his team's goals in a rousing 4-1 win over former top four side West Adelaide Hellas at Spencer Park.

Palinkas has found it difficult to command a regular spot in the struggling City team this season, something which at one time even had him considering a move back to Melbourne.

But in a tactical move City coach Nereo Sautich preferred Palinkas' speed up front to the height of youngster Steve Glockner and on the surface it appeared to pay off.

But to my mind it was still the same old Palinkas who squandered many of his break-aways and didn't have the heart to contest 50-50 balls with Hellas keeper Martyn Crook, so the real reason for City's reversal in form was the change in role for Bobby Hamilton.

Previously Hamilton's job was to overlap or carry the ball down the left as would a winger, a job which he often did successfully. But many times, once he was dismissed, the wee Scotsman tended to walk back and neglected his midfield duties.

But with Palinkas on the flanks, both right and left as he switched throughout the game, Hamilton was instructed to play deeper. That gave City another player in the middle of the park and finally took some of the workload off stalwart Frank Pimblett, who at times has carried the side.

Hamilton had one of the best games I have seen from him as he was constantly involved and looked much more dangerous sniping in front of the goals than he previously did when he tried to attack from the wing.



Ricky Rosso

His goal, City's second, came when he ran into the penalty box to pounce on a loose ball and blast it in off the upright. He could have had another when he ran into the centre of the box onto a Steve Perry header but muffed the shot. One minute later it was Hamilton who cleared off his own line after Graham Honeyman had nutmegged advancing Tony Pezzano. There have been few occasions this season when Hamilton has shown the concentration to stick to his task and chase back like that.

If Hamilton can maintain this form, teamed with Pimblett and John McVeigh, who is a better player than his inconsistent, and at times unlucky performance in this match indicated, it could be a midfield combination to steer City out of trouble.

The back four of Steve

Perry, Frank Liddell, Jim Hermiston and Peter Rokesi is a combination of brains, strength, height and speed and despite my earlier criticisms still seems to be getting away with only one orthodox full-back, although Sydney City tore them apart two weeks ago.

But generally they are tight at the back and with Bevan Bohan scoring regularly up front, City could sneak a few surprise results before the end of the season and may climb to safety which now is only three points away.

Bohan in fact scored City's first and the equaliser. It was his fourth goal in as many matches. Palinkas chased a good chip down the right from Pimblett, after fine lead-up work from Hamilton, and crossed to the far post where unmarked Bohan headed into the roof of the net through a maze of heads and arms.

That goal negated the 13th minute lead Graham Honeyman had given the visitors when he blasted in a shot from close range after City had failed properly to clear a corner kick.

The scores and honors were even at half time but Hamilton's early second half goal was the beginning of the run of the tide in City's favor.

The surge may have been halted had Heys' 71st minute goal been allowed but he obviously handled before he shot. Then City swung back into attack and in fact scored one minute later but John McVeigh's attempt was ruled offside.

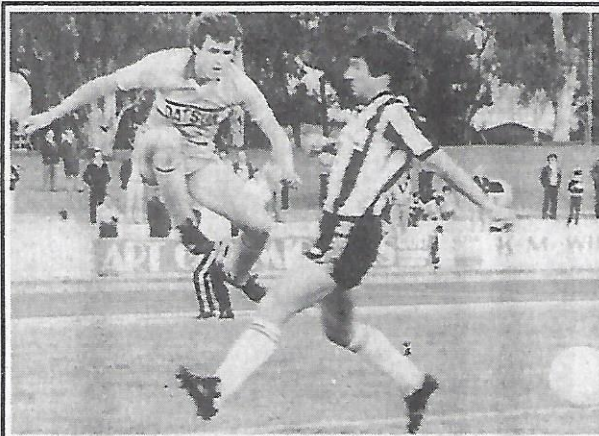
The pendulum really swung City's way in the 30th minute when New Zealand international Allan Booth was carried from the field with an ankle injury, three minutes after West Adelaide's had used their substitute Steve Atsalas to replace the disappointing Adrian Sencro.

Hellas soldiered on with 10 men but City had the taste of victory and three minutes later Palinkas curled in a beautiful shot from outside the box but to his dismay two attackers were in an offside position, although that had no bearing on Crook's inability to stop the shot.

Although the goal was disallowed, West Adelaide knew it was beaten and City pushed forward at will. It was somewhat lucky to get a penalty in the 81st minute when McGachey tackled Connor who was receiving a pass from Palinkas who had broken down the left. Jim Hermiston was even more fortunate that Crook moved to his left and allowed the hard but dead straight shot to rocket into the net.

The final goal, two minutes from time, highlighted the ineffectiveness of the Hellas defence, which had looked good in the first half with Rob Dunn dominant in the air.

But on this occasion they may as well have been in the dressing room having an early shower for all the protection they afforded Crook and Willie Connor, after receiving a pass from Hermiston, dribbled past three defenders unchallenged to slot the ball into the net from close range.



Marconi's Ian Hunter (left) belts a shot past Bugys Nyskohus. Picture by FRANK HOBBS.

Sydney City wants Banfield

Adel. City 0
Marconi 0

Venue: Olympic Sports Field.

Crowd: 2600.

Referee: Don Campbell 8.

ADELAIDE CITY: Fergusson 7, Russell 8, Flounders 7, Banfield 9, B. Nyskohus 7, Melita 7, Marocchi 7, Manou 8, Rankin 7 (Dods 70th), J. Nyskohus 7, Villani 7.

MARCONI: Maher 7, Budini 7, Prskalo 7, Calderon 8, Degney 7, Hunter 7, Henderson 8, Jankovics 7, Sharne 7, Mariani 7, Licata 7.

Sydney City is rumored to have approached Adelaide City's star sweeper Neil Banfield.

Banfield, formerly on the books of English Second Division club Crystal Palace, is in his first season in Australia after playing here with the England youth team in last year's World Youth Cup.



Meno Toutsidis

He has been in superb form and would slot into the classy Sydney City outfit in style.

Banfield was the man of the match in this dull, scoreless draw at Olympic Sports Field. Nonetheless the home side continued its crawl clear of the relegation zone.

Adelaide City now has a two point break over the second last team and seems likely to avoid the drop.

However City, which beat Sydney Olympic 3-1 last week and drew with St George the previous week, was disappointing.

Its strikers rarely looked capable of taking apart the Marconi defence and when they did break through, goalkeeper Allan Maher was in fine form.

Maher made a splendid save near the end when he tipped a flying header from Gary Marocchi over the bar.

Moments earlier Glen Dods struck a powerful drive just over.

Marconi's attack also was ineffective and battled all day to carve out any chances.

Speedster Peter Sharne was well held although he did not get the service which could have stretched City's defence.

Adelaide City's only period of domination was early in the second half when it peppered the Marconi goal but without reward.

Marconi quickly regained its composure and the match then deteriorated into a stalemate.

Sydney City close to clinching title

J.U.S.T. 0
Sydney City 2

Scorers: Borges 42m, Patikas 46m.

Ground: Schintler Reserve.

Attendance: 1500.

Referee: E. Venios 7.

Cautions: Borges, Kondorios, Kosmina, Kyriakoulas.

JUST: Clirc 8, Stojcovski 7, O'Reilly 7, Kondorios 8, Hazabont 5, Jovanovic 5, Hladik 6, Kyriakoulas 7 (Curovic 73m), Ristovski 6, Simic 6, Lujic 6.

SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 7, Cant 7, O'Connor 8, Robertson 7, Bruce 7, Patikas 8 (Boden 73m), Borges 7, Barnes 7, Watson 9, Kosmina 7, Mitchell 8.

Sydney City ended its interstate commitments with a convincing win over Footscray to lay to rest the boogie it had at Schintler Reserve in previous years.

The team's remaining fixtures all are in NSW — five at home while the rest of the travels are backyard trips to Marconi, St George and Newcastle — and for my money that makes them as sure a bet for the PSL title as Green Gully Ajax is for the State League championship.

The Slickers settled Sunday's game in the closing minutes of the first half and the sixty seconds after the break.

In the 36th minute they survived a scare when Zdravko Lujic robbed Steve O'Connor to break clear with only the keeper to beat but shot straight at Todd Clarke.

The miss proved costly when Nello Borges hammered in the opener in the 42nd minute dribbling past Jim Kondorios before shooting past Milutin Clirc from the left side of the box.

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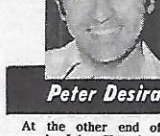
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Peter Desira

At the other end of the ground, John Kosmina produced none of the form that had made him PSL top scorer and he won few friends on the day due to a terrible shirtfront on Clirc which floored the keeper and brought the two teams milling into the area for four minutes of confusion in which Joe Watson also hit the deck.

Referee Evan Venios, a last minute stand in for fogbound Tasmanian referee Jack Johnston, booked Kosmina for the incident before finally restoring calm and restarting the game.

And he was forced to again reach into his pocket for the yellow card soon after when Kyri Kyriakoulas floored Patikas in an obvious square up for the earlier incident.

Patikas, who had been one of City's best players, must have been unable to run off the knock for he was replaced by Ken Boden with 17 minutes to go.

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Lucky win for new coach Kiss

Albion Rovers 0 Croatia 1 (Brogan)

ALBION: Laco 8 - Cutler 8, Creany 8, A. McMillan 7, Neab 7 - Farrie 6, Murphy 7, Croy 6, Lloyd 7, S. McMillan 6, Smart 6.

CHROATIA: Blasby 7 - Parton 7, Antolovic 6, Deskevich 7 (Kokolka 60th), Bilaver 6 - Faulkner 7, Murphy 8, Gojevic 7 - Adams 7, Brogan 7, Laid 6.

Newly appointed Croatia coach Mijo Kiss has a bad defensive blunder from Albion Rovers to thank for Croatia's 1-0 victory at Selwyn Park on Saturday.

Time and again Albion keeper Danny Laco, playing against his former club, held Croatia at bay until the 78th minute when John Creany played Dave Brogan inside. The Croatia striker swooped on Ossie Lati's through ball and hammered it firmly past helpless Laco from about six metres.

It was a tragedy for Creany and Albion. Creany had played a fine match on Croatia's kingpin Brogan and, in the first half at least, home side Albion created the clearer chances. Albion fought a stout rearguard action for the last 25 minutes.

Laco thwarted Brogan, Latif, Steve Gojevic, Ken Murphy and Jeff Faulkner before Brogan's crucial goal. The Albion keeper was aided by fellow defenders Gary Cutler and Bob Nesbit who cleared off the line in this period.

Strangely Croatia used Keith Adams on the right wing from the outset. Later, Adams dropped back into midfield but he never looked his usual bubbling self.

Sunshine shining again!

MORWELL FALCONS 0

SUNSHINE 1 (Bain)

FALCONS: Whitelide 6 - Smart 6, Higham 7, Irvine 6, Neale 8 - Bingham 6, O'Callaghan 7, T. van Baar 5 (O'Connor 70th) - Bond 5, Milton 5, McChine 6.

SUNSHINE: Massani 7, Muscat 6, Lowe 6, Gramsbergen 6, Taylor 9 - Bain 7, Waters 8 (Inf. Ellis 70th), R. Nelson 8 - Mudrinic 6 (McNally 60th), Pate 9, D. Nelson 7.

Sunshine is back with a vengeance while Morwell Falcons continue to be the enigma of State League.

The Shiners continued their winning ways thanks to a Roger Bain goal in the 85th minute while Falcons have gone from riches to rags in the space of a week after knocking off Croatia in their previous game.

Sunshine was far too well drilled in defence. Frank Mussel picked up Noel Mitten, Chris Taylor marked John Bond and Rob Gramsbergen took care of Richie McClunzie.

Falcons' strikers were forced to come deep in search of the ball thanks to fine closing down by Sunshine in midfield.

Mitten twice hit the post but from very acute angles and along with his striking cohorts never looked dangerous.

Sunshine struck its telling blow with five minutes remaining. John McNally had come on in the 80th minute to replace John Mudrinic. McNally played the ball forward down the right, ran on and received Norrie Pate's return ball and chipped into the Falcons' area. Big Steve Ellis contested well and set-up Bain who crashed the ball into the roof of goal from about four metres.

With a minute left McClunzie broke through but lobbed over Dennis Massani and wide of the far post. Had he been on target the scoreline wouldn't have done justice to Sunshine.

STATE LEAGUE LADDER

Ajax	13	0	2	38-9	26
Croatia	10	2	3	31-15	22
Polonia	8	2	5	30-22	18
H. Hakoah	7	4	4	18-22	18
G. Cross	7	3	5	26-23	17
M. Falcons	8	1	8	26-24	17
Juventus	7	2	6	25-20	16
Croydon	5	6	4	16-14	16
Winnu	5	5	5	20-20	15
Sunshine	4	5	6	13-21	13
A. Rovers	2	7	6	19-21	11
Doveton	2	3	10	11-29	7
Frankston	1	4	9	9-31	6
Northcote	2	2	10	13-34	6



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	R'wood W. v Falcons	S'shine v Albion	Croatia v Frank.C.	North.C. v Juve	Ajax v H-Hak.	Doveton v G.Cross	Polonia v Croydon
TIM WHITE	R'wood W.	Draw	Croatia	Draw	Ajax	G.Cross	Polonia
LAURIE SCHWAB	Falcons	S'shine	Croatia	Juve	Ajax	G.Cross	Polonia
CRAIG MACKENZIE	Falcons	Draw	Croatia	Draw	Ajax	Draw	Polonia
BILL VOJTEK	R'wood W.	S'shine	Croatia	Juve	Ajax	G.Cross	Polonia

Tribunal will decide

Northcote City is in danger of losing the points after failing to turn up for last Saturday's away game against Frankston at Centenary Park.

The VSF tribunal will sit on judgement of the case probably next Wednesday night.

It's possible that Frankston City will be given the points and a 1-0 scoreline. Had the matter concerned the playing of an ineligible player then the scoreline would have been recorded as 3-0 but failure to turn up usually results in loss of points and a 1-0 scoreline.

Northcote claims that it never received written notification of the switch to Saturday from the VSF.

The match originally was scheduled for Sat-

urday but at Frankston's request was switched to Sunday by the VSF.

The VSF discovered that it was too late to make the switch on the pools coupon and had to revert back to its original Saturday date line. That was on June 10.

The VSF sent out news releases on the match change saying that it was to be played on Saturday.

Northcote, Frankston and Doveton are locked in a bitter struggle to escape the bottom two spots in State League and relegation to First Division.

Frankston official Les Smith is confident of his club being granted the points.

"We did everything right. Our reserves turned up, our first team turned up and we paid the referees who turned up," said Smith. "The one drawback to winning the case is that we'll have to pay the players a win bonus," he quipped.

Refs' boss hits out, Morrey lifts Ajax

AJAX 1 (Morrey) JUVENTUS 0

AJAX: Denys 8 - Peter Lewis 8, Gardiner 8, Cannell 7, Hogben 7 - Bob Smallman 6, Williams 7 - Morrey 7, Macleod 7, Paul Lewis 6.

JUVENTUS: Clayton 8 - V. Bannan 8, P. Bannan 7, Donaldson 7, Hird 7 - Cunningham 7, Gernie 6 (G. Bannan 50th, Jim Swinson 7 - Nelson 7, McGroarty 7, Incantulupo 7 (Zinni H.T. 7)).

So much happened before and after this match that it's hard to know where to begin.

Let's keep events in chronological order. The referee for the reserve game was given an appointment sheet with Gillon Oval listed as the venue. He arrived late but Colin Tuffield, president of the referees association, took over in the middle until half time.

Just before the end of the reserve game two senior referees turned up. Stuart Mellings and Colin Johns, thinking that they were appointed to the first team match. Both were sent by Soccer House to this game. As things turned out it was Johns who handled the match. Mellings went to Middle Park and officiated at the Hellas-Hakoah v Doveton clash.

Tuffield hit out at the VSF after the match. "I think it's time we (the referees association) stopped sitting in the background and coping it sweet," he said.

"It's time we spoke up. We're sick and tired of the image that we are getting because of blunders at Soccer House."

I hardly could believe my ears. At least a referee was having a go in print. More revela-

tions were to follow but let's talk about the match and leave the spicy action of the after match entertainment to last.

Juve's big Irish striker Joe McGroarty was desperately unlucky not to open the scoring in the 7th minute when he shot well on the turn at the near post only to see the ball cannon on the upright and rebound to safety.

Then Ajax got its act into gear. Gus Macleod, lurking at his favorite back post position, headed goalward but Vince Bannan was on the Juve line to head clear.

Paddy Bannan got onto the end of a Kevin Swinson corner in the 21st minute and headed firmly but Jim Williams cleared off the line.

Next it was Macleod's turn. He fooled Peter Donaldson into misjudging a long ball downfield. Macleod broke clear but Gary Clayton pulled off a superb reaction save from Macleod's fiercely driven shot from 8 metres.

Then Ajax scored what was to be the winning goal. John Gardiner broke forward, beat Stuart Cunningham and let fly with a low shot from outside the area. Clayton dived full length but couldn't get a hand to the ball which rebounded off the inside of the near post and out to the incoming Bill Morrey who neatly stroked it low into the gaping goal from 6 metres.

There was little between the sides for the remainder of the match.

Two tied in the lead

Stefan Mila of Polonia and Frankston's Paul Drinoczky still are joint leaders on 18 votes each in our Ametco Travel State League Player of the Year award.

Votes for last weekend's games:

Juventus v Ajax: Clayton (J), Gardiner (A) Morwell Falcons v Sunshine: Neale (MF), Taylor (S).

George Cross v Croydon: Rigby (GC), Rainey (C).

Ringwood v Wilhelmina v Polonia: Tront (RW), A. Czapiak (P).

Albion Rovers v Croatia: Creany (AR), Antolovic (C).

Hellas-Hakoah v Doveton: Gray (H-H), Thurlow (D).

The winner will receive a trip to the 1983 English FA Cup final or the country of his choice in Europe, flying Thai International.

Three votes are awarded to the best player of each club in every State League game. These votes are awarded on the basis of "Secret Action" ratings and the judgement of the opposition coach. This voting format was arrived at by the State League management committee.

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George Cross midfielder Dave Rigby has jumped to the top of the scorers' list alongside Gus Macleod of Ajax. Both have 12 goals to their name. Paul Lewis of Ajax and Croatia's Dave Brogan are next with 10 goals each followed by Richie McClunzie of Morwell Falcons with nine goals.

Northcote can draw,

Dickson

on his way

Morwell Falcons are the Jekyll and Hyde outfit of State League so don't be surprised if they knock off Ringwood Wilhelmina at Jubilee Park this Saturday.

With Falcons anything is possible. It's hard to get a yardstick by which to measure their efforts this year. Perhaps the fact that they have a better winning record away from home suggests that Wilhelmina is in for a tough clash.

For the benefit of Northcote City's players, you're playing at home on SUNDAY against Juventus. The kick-off is 3 p.m. And that's official.

SUNDAY's game should be a cracker. I was impressed with Juve's effort against Ajax last SUNDAY but this SUNDAY I'm tipping a draw.

I think that Northcote can keep Fabio Incantulupo, Joe McGroarty and Andrew Zinni at bay this SUNDAY while Colin McCurdy and Peter Constantinou keep the Bannan brothers, Harry Hird and Peter Donaldson at full stretch all SUNDAY afternoon long.

Gary Gray put in a superb performance for Juve against Ajax last SUNDAY and he'll need to repeat the dose this SUNDAY. Northcote isn't as bad as its league position suggests.

Sunshine and Albion Rovers meet in a western suburbs derby at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday and there's very little to choose between them.

Sunshine will go into the game brimful of confidence after two successive wins but it will find Albion's defence a hard nut to crack.

I'm going for a draw. Green Gully Ajax should keep on course for its second successive championship by downing Hellas-Hakoah at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.

Ajax's Scottish import Peter Dickson arrives next Tuesday. He's a versatile player, having played up front and in defence and his class will add greatly to Ajax's title chances.

Melbourne Croatia is in for a shock when it expects to meet Frankston City at Olympic Park No. 1 ground on Sunday. The Baysiders aren't going to turn up.

The Frankston plan is ingenious. The players are going to turn up on Saturday claiming that they were informed that the game had been switched from Sunday. At least that gives Frankston a chance of grabbing the points when the case is heard by the VSF because on paper Croatia looks too classy.

Doveton can grab a point from George Cross at Waratah Reserve on Sunday.

Polonia and Croydon meet in a top four battle at Raleigh Reserve on Sunday.

Both clubs fancy their chances of getting into the top four and clinching a place in the State League Cup.

Polonia faltered in its draw with Wilhelmina last weekend but can atone on Sunday.

SATURDAY

Ringwood Wilhelmina v Morwell Falcons at Jubilee Park, 2.45 p.m.

SUNDAY

Sunshine v Albion Rovers at Chaplin Reserve, 3 p.m.

Melbourne Croatia v Frankston City at Olympic Park No. 1, 3 p.m.

Northcote v Juventus at John Cain Reserve, 3 p.m.

Ajax v Hellas-Hakoah at Green Gully Reserve, 3 p.m.

Doveton v George Cross at Waratah Reserve, 3 p.m.

Polonia v Croydon at Raleigh Reserve, 3 p.m.

Rigby runs hot

George Cross 2 (Rigby 2), Croydon 1 (Dobson)

George Cross: Tachris 7 - Macleod 7, Williams 7, Wilhelmina 6, Scarri 7 - Vella 7, Rigby 8, McCann 7 - Tool 7 (Inf. Mazi 55th), Deaton 7, Rooney 7, Nolan 7, Corke 6, I. Loughane 7, Tachuk 7.

Croydon: Edwards 6 - Rainey 6, McCleod 7, Haupt 7, Hobson 7 - Deaton 7, Rooney 7, Nolan 7, Corke 6, I. Loughane 7, Tachuk 7.

Dave Rigby continued his amazing goalscoring run from midfield but it took a rush of blood from Croydon keeper Mick Edwards in the 85th minute to enable Rigby to score the winner.

With the score locked at 1-1 Edwards was adjudged to have raised his knee to incoming Cross striker Carl Gilder and a penalty was awarded. Rigby made no mistake from the spot.

Cross had hit the front in the 18th minute. A near post dummy from Tony Vella set up Rigby who blasted the ball from only four metres out.

Three minutes later Croydon hit back.

Jim Dobson played the ball wide to the left to Terry Nolan and took off into the George Cross area. Nolan's cross should have been cut out by at least two defenders but it ran through to Dobson who stroked it in from dead in front.

Croydon scored seconds after the final whistle. The referee blew for full time as a cross came over to big Steve McCombe who headed in.

Croydon coach Bill McCarthy was fuming after the match.

"I'm sick of the poor standard of refereeing and linesmanship here," he said. "Most clubs just sit back and say nothing because they're scared that if they criticise a referee or a linesman they might suffer the next time that official is at their game."

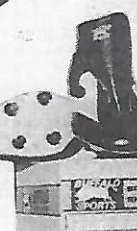
"I was at a meeting between coaches and referees earlier this year where we agreed that linesmen often take too important a part in a match."

"Then against George Cross linesman Jim Dale signalled for the crucial penalty with five minutes left. The referee must have been between 10 and 15 metres away from the incident but never gave the penalty until he saw Dale flagging. Surely the referee was well enough positioned to make his mind up."

"Croydon has been on the receiving end of linesmen's decisions far too often. It seems to happen week in week out."

"Clubs should grade referees and linesmen every week and send in their gradings to the appropriate body," he added.

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2 Doveton goals ruled out

Hellas-Hakoh 2 (Davidson penalty, Rooney) Doveton 2 (Thurlow 2)

HELLAS-HAKOAH: Perrow 7 - Davidson 6, Kalitidis 7, Jordanou 8 (Hannah M.T. 7), Rooney 6 - Bozinovski 6, Wilson 6, Owen 6, Abraham 6 (Kakantoni 80th), Cummings 7, Gray 7.

DOVETON: Thurlow 8 - Train 8, Huhai 8, Walte 8, K. Middlemaat 8 - Melvor 7, Merrick 7, Andrews 7, Waterhouse 7 - Thurlow 6, Webster 6.

Doveton had two goals disallowed and threw away a two goal half time lead against Hellas-Hakoh at Middle Park.

Doveton player-coach experimented successfully with switching tail Peter Thurlow from defence into attack.

Thurlow put the Doves ahead after only 10 minutes when he shot low through a group of players and into goal from about seven metres.

He struck again 10 minutes later, this time connecting well with a near post header from a cross from the right.

Webster put Thurlow through in the second half but the tall Doveton striker was ruled offside then Hellas-Hakoh's fightback commenced.

A shot inside the Doveton area in the 70th minute hit Merrick on the hand and the referee pointed to the penalty spot. Right back Danny Davidson converted.

With 13 minutes left Eddie Gray floated the ball across from the right. Sean Keogh, deputising for injured Lou Ivanoff, came out part way but stopped and Sean Rooney headed home to give the home side a point.

It's a draw on misses

Ringwood Wilhelmnia 0 Polonia 0

WILHELMNIA: Barclay 8 - Anderson 7, de Graaf 7, Luyten 7, Vanders 7 - Gibson 8, Trant 8, Thom 7 (Tatarnoff 80th) - Heyland 8, Carroll 7, Stewart 7.

POLONIA: Ostrowsky 7 - Klin 7, A. Caspary 6, Mito 6, Gonsky 6, Liparski 7, Przybyla 6, Czolnowski 6 (Pichner 60th), Laskic 6, Krynski 6 (Saglam 60th), Harsh 6.

Two incredible misses by Janusz Przybyla and Joe Trant highlighted a game in which home side Wilhelmnia had the edge on chances but a draw was a fair result.

Both chances fell in the second half.

The first, to Przybyla, came when the ball was cut back from the by-line with the Wilhelmnia defence caught flat-footed and keeper Ken Barclay out of position. Przybyla tapped the ball into the open goal and turned, fist raised, in celebration. Almost unbelievably the ball trickled just wide of the post to the dismay of Przybyla, his team mates and Polonia supporters.

A few minutes later it was Trant's turn to agonise over what could have been. Two Wilhelmnia shots were blocked by a packed Polonia defence but the ball fell to Trant. He shot and looked certain to score the decider until a Polonia defender stuck out a leg on the line and deflected the ball out for a corner.

Jimmy Rooney was sacked last week as coach of Heidelberg Alexander's Second Division side.

Rooney was transferred from Heidelberg to Croydon two weeks ago but his contract with Croydon allowed him to continue his coaching duties with Heidelberg.

It is believed that Len McKendry has taken over the reins of the Second Division side while still, of course, coaching Heidelberg's PSL squad.

Rooney's assistant, Eddie Reid, also was sacked. Neither Rooney nor Reid knew why they were sacked. Rooney's comments can't be published for fear of libel and defamation.

Things aren't rosy at Frankston Pines either.

While George Malcolm was putting Pines 1-0 up and Bruce Young equalising for Richmond at Richmond the visitors dressing room was ransacked and the Pines players lost most of their money and valuables.

However Bob Hill and Fawken maintained their winning ways and now look certain to play in State League next season.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE ALTONA GATE 0 BOX HILL 4 (Ramos 2, Patterson, Priestley)

ALTONA GATE: Schirripa 6, Trajkovski 6, Dimovski 6, Benavides 5, (Bojnovic 27 min. 6), Telavski 7, Zdravovski 6, (Veljanovski 57th 5), Telavski 7, Kitanovski 6, Micevski 7, Kotovski 7, Kitanovski 6.

BOX HILL: Morgan 7, McCleod 7, Rodhouse 7, Lawler 7, Broville 6, Hughes 7, Ramco 8, Tolmie 7, Verchie 7, (Priestley 65th), Patterson 7, Taylor 6.

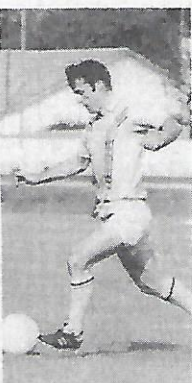
For most of this game Altona Gate Vardar found themselves outrun, out thought, and generally outgunned by their youthful visitors, and the Hillmen proved their point with two goals in each half.

In the ninth minute Hughes, whose runs down the right flank were to pose a number of unanswered questions for the home side, crossed into the crowded goal mouth, and the courageous Ramos throwing himself forward managed to deflect the ball whilst he was in mid air past the astounded Schirripa in the Altona Gate goal.

Just before half time it was Ramos again who increased the Hillmen's lead. Trajkovski conceded a corner under pressure from Patterson. Tomlie's cross was partially cleared by Kotovski but fell to Ramos 30 metres out. The exciting young midfielder picked a small gap in the Altona defence, and threaded a left foot shot into the bottom right hand corner of the goal passed the unsighted Schirripa.

In the 53rd minute the Hillmen were to score yet again. Patterson fastened onto a long ball from Lawler, which Kotovski had misjudged, and out ran the home defence to round Schirripa, and score into the empty goal.

The attacks of the tiring home side were becoming in-



Jimmy Rooney

creasingly sporadic as Box Hill imposed an iron grip on the midfield, and Morgan was able to deal adequately with the occasional long distance shot. Indeed it was Morgan who initiated the move which led to the Hillmen's fourth goal.

The keeper's long accurate clearance was touched inside to Tolmie by Patterson wide on the right. An exquisitely angled return pass found Patterson in full flight down the right flank trailing Altona defenders in his wake. A low cross found Priestley, who had replaced the injured Verchie, and the big striker slotted the ball past the helpless home team custodian to complete the scoring.

SLAVIA 2 (Macloed og. Bouzas) KEW CITY 2 (Dall 2)

SLAVIA: Hammond 7, Elzetta 8, Anderson 7, Florez 7, Beaz 7, Rubio 5, Leiva 6, Canale 7, Bouzas 8, Guilely 8, Elker 5 (Hermandez 60th).

KEW: Lukac 8, Ogden 7, McCushy 6, Webb 7, Stewart 7, Parsons 7, Hargreaves 7, Petrov 7 (Keenan 70th), Dall 8 (Inn 60th), Macloed 8, Williams 7.

Kew City threw away a 2-0 lead in the last 20 minutes. It led after just a minute of play when Robin Parsons' cross to Williams was touched on first time to the incoming Vardar Dall. Slavia keeper Hammond challenged Dall. The ball spun up in the air and Dall hit it home.

Kew went two up in the 52nd minute. Frank Macloed sent Williams away down the left. Williams crossed back to Macloed who touched the ball on to Parsons. His first time touch set up Dall who slotted the ball into the bottom right hand corner from about 15 metres. It was a fitting finish for a fine move.

In the 70th minute McCuskey pushed up to centre forward and Macloed fell back to a stopper's role. In the same minute Slavia hit back.

Canale broke down the right and shot, Macloed tried to block but only succeeded in deflecting the ball past Michael Lukac in goal.

Two minutes later substitute Keenan lost the ball in midfield. Slavia quickly played the ball to Bouzas and while Kew stood and appealed for offside Bouzas hit the ball into Lukac and followed up to tuck away the rebound.

DIVISION TWO ARDEER 1 (N. Christoudias) PRESTON MAKE-DONIA 1 (Magnano)

ARDEER: Dorch, Blichaz, Kuczyński, Olmowski, Czernicki, J. Christoudias, Wianiewski, Gamas, Dykun, N. Christoudias, Selbin, Obrenbalski, Adamowicz, Kotleng.

PRESTON: Orfanakos, Christov, Beech, Kurvan, Belavski, R. Micek, Culen, D. Micek, Magnano, Stokos, Kurevski, Velkos, Atanasovski, Kettentamer.

Best Players: Ardeer: Dykun, Kuczyński, Dorch. Preston: Stokos, Beech, Culen.

Ardeer started well with Dykun dominating the midfield, setting up numerous opportunities for his forwards.

Vics win in Canberra

Victoria's previously unbeaten under-15 State representative squad was held to a surprising 1-1 draw in Canberra last Saturday by a still trialling Canberra under-15 squad.

And it was a draw the Canberra side deserved.

However, in other games organised by Canberra's Academy of Soccer the Victorians were easily superior. Against Academy sides the Victorian under-15's won 7-0 and their under-13 side, 5-1.

Then, the under-13s, against Canberra's under-14 triallist squad, earned a great 2-0 victory.

Preston scored in the 31st minute, when Magnano managed to deflect a goal after a corner scramble Ardeer replied almost immediately after a Preston defender headed to 'Nifty' Christoudias, who took the ball and slotted it neatly past the advancing Preston Keeper in the 32nd minute.

After half time Preston attacked through Culen who looked particularly dangerous, only to be thwarted by Keeper Dorch, and some desperate defence from Kuczyński and Olmowski.

'Nifty' Christoudias almost scored his second goal in the 50th minute when his header was cleared off the line.

With both teams playing well a draw was a fair result in a hard, fast and very entertaining game.

SPRINGVALE CITY 0 MELBOURNE 0

MELBOURNE: Runje, Keogh, S. Halbig, Viesada, Settle, Gellan, Malt, Pendry, Lannon, Patten, Greener.

City did little to help its slender promotion chances by only managing a draw with league leaders, Melbourne.

Springvale had 80 percent of the play but a poor Melbourne defence refused to relinquish the point it had earned.

Many good chances were squandered by the City attack, failing to capitalise on its territorial advantage.

The game was marred by the sending off of John McDonald, the Melbourne striker for allegedly kicking Brendan Keogh.

John Greener's creativity earned him the 'Man of the Match' title awarded by City supporters.

DIVISION THREE SUNBURY UTD 0 BRIGHTON 2 (Lally 2)

SUNBURY: Grech 6, Maric 6, Duncanson 8, Clarke 7, Gray 7, Evans 5, Campbell 7, Train 7, McCorquodale 5, Thompson 5, Roberts 5.

BRIGHTON: Bakewell 7, Scott 6, Snooks 6, Whelan 7, Marcoullin 7, Young 7, Popovitch 6, Granelius 6, Donnelly 7, Lally 7, Morgan 6.

Sunbury had the ball in the net after five minutes when a Train cross was headed into the net by Roberts but the goal was not given for offside.

Brighton went into the lead a minute before half time when Young broke clear from the left: midfield and his cross was slammed into the net at the far post by Lally.

Sunbury should have equalised five minutes from time

when substitute, Gilligan shot into the side netting when well placed.

Lally scored Brighton's second goal right on full time when he beat three men in the penalty area and shot home from a tight angle.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE HAWTHORN 3 (A. Filippis, Filippou, Lazopoulos) LALOR 1

Hawthorn: P. Panagiotopoulos, Kokkas, Palantinis, Mihalos, Arvanitis, B. Gatsonis, H. Filippis, T. Gatsonis (Inj Katsakis 70th), Lazopoulos, Filippou, A. Filippis.

Best players: Lazopoulos, B. Gatsonis, Filippou.

This game was very important for both teams — for Hawthorn to stay on top and for Lalor to close the gap.

In the 35th A. Filippis played a one-two with T. Gatsonis outside the penalty area and opened the score for Hawthorn.

In the second half Hawthorn played more defensively with quick breaks.

A. Filippou made it 2-0 then Lalor got one back. B. Lazopoulos made it 3-1 with a header from B. Gatsonis chip.

DIVISION TWO YARRAVILLE 3 (Petridis 2, Kallipolitis) KYNETON 0

Yarraville: Apostolidis (Glatas 72nd), Tzabatzis, D. Apostolidis, Dimitrios, Amanatidis, Kallipolitis, Papachristopoulos, Terzakis, Hytas (Tsalalidis 63rd) Metelias, Petridis.

The win shot Yarraville eight points at the top of the Second Division table and the club must be long odds on favorite to win the championship.

Best: Yarraville — Metelias, Kallipolitis, Petridis.

Selections

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE Saturday: BOX HILL v Western Suburbs; RING CITY v Ball Park; FRANKSTON PINES v Kallitidis; Slavia v BRIGHTON; Vardar v ALTONA GATE; ALTONA GATE v ALTONA GATE; FAWKEN v Richmond; Moorland v Kew City (Preston).

DIVISION TWO Saturday: DANDENONG CITY v Ardeer; PRESTON MAKEDONIA v Springvale City; MELBOURNE v Heidelberg; Alexander; BROAD MEADOWS v Suburbia; Heidelberg; Heidelberg v Footscray JUST (Lalor); St Albans; Dixie v Werribee (Lalor); Werribee v Ringwood Utd Suburbia.

DIVISION THREE Saturday: Eltham v THOMASTOWN; Coburg v PRAHRAN; PORT MELBOURNE v Morningside; Corio v ROYAL RICHMOND; NTH DANDENONG CITY; Brighton v NUNAWADING CITY; Kewborough v YALLOUP.

DIVISION FOUR Saturday: CHELSEA v Mianah Uni; Hume Rangers v SANDRINGHAM; Mooroolbark v NTH; CAULFIELD v Footscray JUST; RINGWOOD v Geelong; Greenacres v Mooroolbark (Lalor).

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE Saturday: Maiton v BALAKAT; Carlton v KARINGAL; EAST BRUNSWICK v Hawthorn; CLAYTON v Shepparton City; Langwarrin v MANN; LAUR UTD v NUNAWADING UTD; ROSSANNA v St Yarns.

DIVISION TWO Saturday: YARRAVILLE v Regent; CLIFTON HILL v Bulleen; MALVERN CITY v Berrwick City; MDE UTD v West Melbourne; CENTRAL CITY v Mooroolbark; Berrwick v ADOPTED TASSA; Kyneton v Mooroolbark.

DIVISION THREE Saturday: MITCHEAM v Mooroolbark; CHURCHMAN v Mooroolbark; ST DANDENONG v West Brunswick; Uni of Melbourne v West Geelong (Lalor); Hampton Wanderers v BRUNSWICK CITY; Altona Utd v CLARINDA; Sunbury v DALLAS CITY.

DIVISION FOUR Saturday: Vermont v PASCOE VALE; Nth Melbourne v SPRINGVALE UTD; East Carlton v Port Utd (Lalor); HOLLAND PARK v Berrwick Utd; SUNSHINE v Mooroolbark; Ardeer Utd v Seaford (Lalor); DUNDEE v Mooroolbark.

AMATEUR LEAGUE DIVISION ONE Saturday: Meadow Park v POSTEL INSTITUTE; Latrobe Uni v BALACALVA; Hops Uni v Sandhurst (Lalor); Lyndale Uni v PANDORA; Berrwick City v MACKAY; RAKAH; Melbourne Uni v CHADSTONE; MACLEOD UTD v Endeavour Hills.

DIVISION TWO Saturday: WESTALL v St Bernard; KOOYONG RANGERS v MHR Park; WEST UTD v Berrwick; Murrumbidgee v Diamond Creek (Lalor); RAUF Melbourne v GEORGINA UTD; Camerons v Royal Melbourne (Lalor); EPPING THISTLE v Werribee Utd.

YOUTH LEAGUE NORTH WEST Saturday: Melbourne Croatia v FAWKEN; HELAS-HAKOAH v Juventus; George Cross v Brighton (Lalor); Maitland Rangers v DANDENONG CITY.

Note: There are no South West Division games this weekend.

Beaumaris switches on

Australian International players representing three generations were present for the turn-on of floodlights at Beaumaris.

They were David McIntosh, Australian captain in the early 1950s and foundation president of the Beaumaris Club; Jack Reilly, 1974 World Cup team goalkeeper and Beaumaris club patron; and Gary Cole, current national team striker from Heidelberg.



From left: the mayor of Sandringham Michael Harwood, Gary Cole, president of Beaumaris Club Ken Beadle, Jack Reilly and David McIntosh.

Over 200 boys, parents and friends were present to see Cole switch on the \$3000 floodlight installation at the new permanent home ground at the Community Centre, Reservoir Road, Beaumaris.

The club, now in its 8th season, fields 11 junior teams and is planning to run a senior side in 1983.

ARMSTRONG CUP

The draw for the first main round of the Harry Armstrong Cup:

Sunday July 25: Sunbury United v Moorabbin City; Heidelberg Bundoora v Moreland; Kew Park Rangers v Ardeer; Port Melbourne v Frankston Pines; Prahran v Werribee; Sunshine City v Melbourne; Thomastown v Nunawading City; Preston v Maribyrnong Polonia; North Dandenong v Dandenong City.

Sunday August 1: Richmond v Ringwood City Wilhelmnia.

Sunday August 15: Hellas Hakoh v St Albans (kick off 12.45pm) PSL CURTAIN RAISER.)

Saturday August 21: Knox City v Ansett; Melbourne Croatia v Albion Rovers.

Sunday September 5: George Cross v Prahran City.

Sunday September 12: Green Gully v Coburg; Mornington v Doveton.

Kick off times: At 2.45pm or as shown.



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Bottalico and Avara in strife, Saints in puddle

NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Croatia remained the undisputed leader in the NSW State League following its 2-0 win against Manly at King Tomislav Park. It was not the performance of the leader which drew the attention at the match, but a sudden and unhappy outburst by Fil Bottalico, Croatia's coach, which led to his dismissal.

Tim Davies, the referee, showed Bottalico the red card after an incident which led to Bottalico's protest. Croatia's coach appeared to have exchanged words with Mick Jones as he was leaving the field. It was later learned that Jones was shocked with Bottalico's outburst and consequent comments made by Bottalico as he was passing Manly's dugout.

NSWSF also has informed Avara during the week that it will forfeit three points earned during April in matches against Melita Eagles (4-0 to Avara) and Riverwood (2-2), due to its failure to register Rnjak, a player who was at Avara last year, but appeared to have been put on the transfer list at the start of this season.

Avara made amends for the loss of points to Melita by beating it at Melita Park, whilst Riverwood gained a point without facing an opponent. That point gained at the NSWSF table has now put Riverwood on 23 points with a game against Rockdale to be played.

It almost was a comical weekend as St George stadium was closed for soccer after five minutes of rainfall on Friday. The grass must have got wet and the groundsman put up the shutters. So now, we have a postponed game after not registering more than ten millimetres of rain in the past month.

Yugal 1 Auburn 1

Scorers: McIntosh (Y), Holloway (Aub).

YUGAL: Wotton, Randall, Cummings, McIntosh, Clarke, Augustin, Mihajlovic, Benavente, Rodas, Pahor (Goalie 84), Tansick.

AUBURN: Walker, Guileys, Kilmayne, Prymme, Hardwick, Atwell, Turner, Carney, Allan, Holloway, Pondakis (Sullivan 40').

Auburn was lucky to escape with a point at Concord after a 90 minute game from Yugal, then a lucky goal, following an error by Wotton, the Yugal keeper.

The home side appeared set to cruise home with a one goal advantage and only a minute of time remaining when Walker's clearance sailed across field towards Yugal's goal. Wotton committed himself and came out but was "short" and allowed Holloway to get a touch to the ball and steer it into the net.

Dave McIntosh, a constant menace to Auburn and Yugal's best player, scored following a corner kick from the right. He rose above all and sundry to nod home a neat cross into the 32nd minute.

Chances went abegging as Yugal created opportunities in front of Walker and eventually those patient Auburn hit back.

Hat-trick heroes

The "Soccer Action" hat-trick diploma is available to any junior player who scores three or more goals in any league, Cup, Interstate, or official school match. Friendly games do not count.

Coaches are asked to supply the following information:

1. Name of the boy who scored the hat-trick (or more).
2. His age, and the team for which he plays.
3. The team against which he scored the goals.
4. Date of the game.
5. An address to which to send the certificate (Please use ONE address per club secretary, coach, team manager or similar official, who will hand the certificates out to the boys).

Send the information to: "Soccer Action" 600 Little Lonsdale Street, MELBOURNE. Vic and we will forward the certificates free of charge.

The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-trick Heroes", published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:

Marko Silic, 10 (Melbourne Croats); Mark Ancillieri, 10 (Morewell Falcons); Eamon Curran, 9 (Doveton); Jason Olliver, 9 (five); Christopher Jones, 12 (Springvale City); Stuart Johnston, 12 (six goals) (Westley College); John Perdikis, 12 (West United); Graham Smith, 12 (Frankston Pines); Scott Watson, 12 (Nunawading City); Freddy Scarrall, 12 (George Cross); Scott McNeill, 7, four goals, Con

Croatia 2 Manly 0

Scorers: Woods, Hensman.

CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Tansick, Spier, Coleman, Vezic, Rezo (Caristo 67), Savor, Galic, Coyne, Hensman.

MANLY: Ellis, K. Falconer, Doyle, Dick, Goughan, Wilson, Rodas, M. Strobel, 13, five goals.

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STATE LEAGUE

Round 18: Blacktown - Polonia 3-1, Wheatley 2, Polnter (B), Sobczyk (P).

Rockdale - Riverwood postponed. Bankstown - Sutherland 1-4, Melita - Avala 0-1 Djuricic.

Canterbury - Inter Monaro 4-1, Titlis 2, Arnold, Georgiu (C), Heywood (IN).

Crocia - Manly 2-0 Woods, Hensman. Yugal - Auburn 1-1, McIntosh (Y), Holloway (Aub).

STANDINGS: Crocia..... 18 12 4 2 33-7 28 Blacktown 18 10 5 3 32-22 25

Canterbury 18 9 4 30-20 23 Riverwood 17 11 1 5 34-27 23

Sutherland 17 9 4 30-27 22 Polnter 18 7 4 31-22 22

Melita..... 18 6 6 27-24 18 Yugal..... 17 6 5 25-29 17

Polnter..... 18 4 7 13-18 15 Auburn..... 18 5 5 17-24 15

Avala..... 18 3 6 29-30 12 Monaro..... 18 5 6 25-30 11

Rockdale 17 2 5 10-41 9 Bankstown 18 2 4 12-24 8

THIS WEEK: Saturday, July 10: Sutherland - Rockdale, Seymour Shaw.

Riverwood - Avala, Hurstville. Sunday, 15 July: Monaro - Blacktown, Marco Polo.

Polonia - Bankstown, Chopin Park. Manly - Canterbury, Cromer Park.

Auburn - Crocia, Mena Park. Yugal - Melita Eagles, Concord.

TOP SCORERS: 10. Parker, Walker (R), Arnold (CM).

5. T. Jones (R), T. Smith (MWS), S. Holloway (Aub), F. Jones (BD), 7. D. Allan (ME).

6. Kirwan (BD), Titlis (CM), M. Hensman (C), Valeri (IM), Furgala (ME).

5. Rodas, Benavente (Y), Suttana (R), Noble (MWS), R. Brown (CM), Nocar (B), Karanfilovski (AI).

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TA NEA TON OMAΔON MAS

ΑΠΟ ΤΟ ΣΗΜΕΙΟ ΤΟΥ ΠΕΝΑΛΤΥ

ΜΠΟΥΛΙΑ ΝΙΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΜΑΛΒΕΡΝ

2-1 ΤΟ ΜΠΟΥΛΙΑΝ ΚΑΙ 67 ΘΕΣΣ

Τό Μάλβερν Σίτυ πήρε μεγάλη νίκη εκτός έδρας επί του Μπουλίν με 2-1 και πέρασε στην 6η θέση. 'Αν δε ή ελληνική μας ομάδα συνεχίσει σ' αυτό τον ρυθμό, τότε δεν αποκλείεται να πιάσει και την 2η θέση στον βαθμολογικό πίνακα μέχρι την λήξη του πρωταθλήματος.

'Η νίκη του Μάλβερν ήταν δίκαια και θα μπορούσε να ήταν και μεγαλύτερη.

Στο 23' ο Λιχούδης μετά πάσα του Τάσιου άνοιξε το σκόρ με δυνατό σουτ αλλά το Μπουλίν ισοφάρισε στο 40' από λάθος άνω νικιού του παίκτη.

Στην επανάληψη και στο 55' ο Ίσχυρος Τάσιος με καταπληκτικό τέμα έφτιαξε το 2-1 που ήταν και το τελικό αποτέλεσμα.

'Από την νικητριά ξεχώρισαν οι Τάσιος, Λιχούδης και Βάρσος.

'Επαιξαν οι Μανέν, Τσώμος, Παπαδόπουλος, Σαματζής, Β. Παλαμάρας, Βάρσος, Αρζάνας, (70 Μαυρίδης), Λιόλιος, Λιχούδης, Τάσιος και Πετρόπουλος.

'Η Β' ομάδα έφερε ισσοπαλία 1-1 με γκολ που πέτυχε ο Μαυρίδης.

ΤΟ ΠΡΩΤΑΓΩΓΗΜΕΝΟ ΝΤΕΡΜΠΥ 0-0

ΜΕΤΡΙΑ ΑΠΟΔΟΣΗ ΚΑΙ ΚΑΝΟΝΙΟΜΕΝΟΙ ΟΛΟΙ

Μεγάλος άθροισμα είχε γίνει για το περίβροτο ντέρμπυ της Δ' του Μετροπόλιταν με ταξυ των ομάδων 'Ωλη και Κώληλντ με την διαφορά ότι μένα στον αγωνιστικό χώρο δεν παίχθηκε ποιότητα ποδοσφαίρου και οι αντίπαλοι έφυγαν τελικά εύχαριστημένοι από την ισοπαλία άνευ τερμάτων.

Ευκαιρίες χάθηκαν και από τις δύο πλευρές, ενώ στο 89' ο τερματοφύλακας του 'Ωλη με θαυμάσια απόκριση έσωσε βέβαια γκολ.

'Από την ομάδα του πρωτοπόρου 'Ωλη ξεχώρισαν σύμφωνα με τον διαιτητή ο Πέτρον, Κουτουσάτος και Τσιάπος.

'Επαιξαν οι Πέτρον, Λουκάς, Πεχλιβανίδης, Κρίβρης, Μπατινιότο, Γ. Καμπιλάνης, Κουτουσάτος, Νταντάλις, Παπασιός, Τζιτζής, Τσάπος (60' Στεργίου).

'Η Β' ομάδα του 'Ωλη νίκησε 4-0 και με τέρματα των Τσιαντούλα 3 και Κριτσιλίδη

ΧΑΜΟΓΕΛΑ ΣΤΟ ΜΟΡΝΤΙΛΛΟΚ ΚΑΙ ΒΑΛΙΔΕΣ

Τό Μορντιλλόκ πήρε μία μεγάλη νίκη που ίσως να τού βγή χρυσάφι στην συνέχεια. Νίκησε την Ίπαντούρα που είναι στην 13η θέση με 9 βαθμούς.

'Η ελληνική ομάδα έωσσε τώρα τους 7 βαθμούς κατέβηκε να πιάσει την Πρέστον και τον Μέβα Β' που έχουν μία ζώνη ασφάλειας με 13 βαθμούς.

'Ο αγώνας ήταν μέτριος και τό Μορντιλλόκ προηγήθηκε στο 45' με τον Δελγιάννη από πλάτος στο Σταμπουλίδη.

Τό 88' ο Παπάρας μετά σέντρα τό Μιχαήλουου έφτιαξε τό 2-0 που ήταν και τό τελικό αποτέλεσμα.

Καραβασίλης, Καζόγας, Ραίη, Παπάρας και Μιχαήλουου ήταν από τους διακριθέντες της νικητριάς που έπαιξε με τους: Μπόλαντ, Καραβασίλη, Τσαλκίδη, Ραίη, Τσιάντσια, (10' Ντε Σιλίππου), Καζόγας, Σταμπουλίδη, Δελγιάννη, Πιπάρα, Στοιαννίδη και Μιχαήλουου.

Σχετικά με τόν Μπόλαντ ο υπεύθυνος επί τό 'Ίπου του Μορντιλλόκ κ.θ. Παπάρογλου μάς είπε: "Τόν Μπόλαντ τόν πήραμε από την Ψάος μέχρι τέλους της σεζόν αντί τό ποσό τόν 2,500 δολαρίων τό όποία τά προσέφεραν φίλοι τό σωματείου μας".

ΤΙ ΓΙΝΕΤΑΙ ΜΕ ΤΟΝ ΜΗΤΑ ΙΟΡΑΝΟΥ;

ΤΟΝ ΕΒΑΠΕ Ο ΑΝΤΑΜ;

'Ενας παίκτης με μεγάλο ταλέντο που θα μπορούσε σήμερα να παίζει στην ομάδα τόν Φίλιπς Αλγκι τής Ελλάς, είναι έξω και από την ενδεκάδα τόν Στέπι Αλγκι τής κνω νόκλησης ομάδας. Είναι ο Μπιλ 'Ιορδάνου.

Συγκεκριμένα τόν άφαιρέθηκε ή άρχηγία και χωρίς καμία εξήγηση ο προπονητής 'Ανταμ τόν έστειλε στην Β' ομάδα άνω προηγούμενος τόν δήλωσε ότι "έπιθυμία μου είναι νά... δώσω όλους τούς παίκτες ό όποιοι ήταν από τήν Χόδα".

'Ετσι ο ταλαντοχός παίκτης, τό έλληνόπουλο που άά μπορούσε νά τιμάει σήμερα τήν φανέλλα τής Ελλάς τόν Φίλιπς και νά



Tom Sametzi of Malvern City

παίζει καλύτερα από κάτι τελειωμένους σαν τόν Σίρα και τόν Στήβενσον, άναγκάστηκε νά αγωνίζεται στην Β' ομάδα τόν Στέπι Αλγκι μόνο και μόνο για νά αποδείξει ότι είναι άθλητής.

Οποιοσδήποτε άλλος στην θέση του θα είχε φύγει από την οικογένεια τής 'Ελλάς αλλά ο 'Ιορδάνου έμεινε.

'Από την σιοπία μάς θά ήθελαμε νά ρωτήσουμε τούς υπεύθυνους τής 'Ελλάς καί θά περιμένουμε άπάντηση.

Είναι άραγε έτσι ή υπόθεση; Γιατί άν άληθεύουν τά όσα μάθαμε για τόν 'Ανταμ τότε κάποιος θά τόν έδωσε την έντολή νά τρώει ταλαντοχούς παίκτες.

Τέτοια παιχνίδια όμας είναι έπικίνδυνα γιατί μπορούν νά φάνε όι ίδιοι τά κεφάλια τους καί περισσότερο ο άκριβοπληρωμένος προπονητής τους, που δέν νομίζουν πώς θά βγάλει ταλέντα όπως πεί.

Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ: Η ΝΙΚΗ ΗΑΘΕ ΣΤΟ 90'

Η Ν.ΕΛΛΑΣ πήρε σπουδαία νίκη εκτός έδρας από τό Περάν με 4-3.

Στό 33' ο Γκεσίος άνοιξε τό σκόρ αλλά ο γρηθεόχης ισοφάρισαν στό 38' για νά περάσει πάλι μπροστά ή έλληνική ομάδα με πένταλτυ τόν Πήτερσον στό 60'.

Στην συνέχεια τό Περάν πέτυχε δύο τέρματα καί έγινε τό σκόρ 3-2 για νά ισοφαρίσει ο Χαμακίωτης στό 85' καί νά πετύχει τό γκολ τής νίκης ο Παλασιός στό 90'.

'Επαιξαν οι Καραμολής, Χατζηπαναγιώτου, Λούνας, Κοτζαμυχάλης, Γουίκινς, Κωστόπουλος, Λαζαρίδης (70' Χαμακίωτης), Σάββης, Παλασιός, Τσολκίης (35' Πήτερσον) Γκεσίος.

Εξεχώρισαν οι Σάββης, Πήτερσον καί Παλασιός.

ΠΕΤΑΡΙ Η ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑΠΑΡΙΑ

ΝΙΚΗΣΕ ΚΑΙ ΤΟ ΚΑΥΝΤΟΝ 3-0 ΚΑΙ ΕΒΕΥΤΕ

8 ΒΑΘΜΟΥΣ ΜΠΡΟΣΤΑ ΜΕ ΤΟ ΣΗΑΓΙ ΤΗΣ

Ξαυκάλεσε ή 'άλλα στόματα ή πρωτοπόρος Δόξα Γιάρραβιλ καί πήρε μία άόκη καθαρή νίκη επί τόν Κάννεντον 3-0 καί ξεψύχη όκτώ βαθμούς μπροστά στό πρωτάθλημα τής Β' τόν Προβίζιοναλ.

'Αντίθετα ή πρωτοπόρος σέ όλο τό διάστημα δέν άφανε περιθώρια στην αντίπαλο ή όποία πρόσχε νά μή δεχθεί πολλά τέρματα.

Στό 38' ο Νίκος Μελέτης μήςκε από άριστέρα καί έφτιαξε τήν μπάλα στόν Πετρίδη που εύκολα έγραψε τό 1-0.

Στην επανάληψη ο Καλλιπολίτης άνέβηκε τό σκόρ σέ 2-0 (55') καί στό 62' πάλι ο Πετρίδης έγραψε τό 3-0 που ήταν καί τό τελικό αποτέλεσμα.

Εξχωρη απόδοση είχαν οι Νίκος Μελέτης που έφτιαχνε συνεχώς ευκαιρίες για τούς σωματίες του, ο Πώλ Πετρίδης καί ο Μέμος Καλλιπολίτης που όργωσε τό γήπεδο.

'Από τούς ύπόλοιπους που δέν ύστέρησε κανένας, πολύ καλοί οι Τόνης 'Αμανατίδης Ντένης 'Αποστολίδης καί όι δύο τερματοφύλακες Νίκος 'Αποστολίδης καί Κώστας Γκιάντας. Φιλότιμος ο Τ. Παπαχριστοδούλου 'Επαιξαν οι Ν. Αποστολίδης, Ψαματζής, Ν.Τ. 'Αποστολίδης, Δημητρίου, Τ. Αμανατίδης, Τέρζης, Καλλιπολίτης, Τ. Παπαχριστοδούλου, Πετρίδης, Ν. Μελέτης, Χύτας (63') Τσολκίδης Στό 73' ο Γκιάντας άντινατέστησε τόν Ν. 'Α στολίδη.

'Η διατίτση τόν κ. J. SNOWBALL ήταν άριστη Βαθμό 10. Στάθηκε κοντά σέ όλες τις φάσεις καί γενικά ή σφουρίκτρα του ήταν μοντέρνα.

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